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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 13, AMOY, British steamer, 814, Drewes, Canton 12th December, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

December 13, IRAOUADDY, French steamer, 2,500, Gauvain, Marseilles 4th Nov., Naples 6th, Port Said 10th, Suez 12th, Aden 17th, Galle 28th, Singapore 4th Dec., and Saigon 9th, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

December 13, NORNA, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow 12th December, General.—KWOK ACHEONG.

December 13, DALE, British steamer, 645, Thompson, Haiphong and Hoihow 12th December, General.—D. DAPRAIK & Co.

December 13, AFRICA, Portuguese transport, Ferreira Marquez, Macao 13th Dec.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, DECEMBER 13TH.

Douglas, British steamer, for East Coast.
Amoy, British steamer, for Shanghai.
Hankwang, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.
Coquette, German bark, for Saigon.

DEPARTURES.

December 13, YOTTUNG, British steamer, for Hoihow.
December 13, WASHI, British str., for Haiphong.
December 13, EMPREZA, British bark, for Melbourne.
December 13, CARL, German brig, for Sourabaya.
December 13, THREE BROTHERS, British bk., for Quinhon.
December 13, RODERICK HAY, British bark, Bangkok.
December 13, STRATHMORE, British bark, for Callao.
December 13, PEIHO, French steamer, for Saigon and Marseilles.
December 13, H. N. CARLETON, Amer. bark, for Honolulu.
December 13, BLANKENESE, German sch., for Chefoo.
December 13, NORMA, Ger. bark, for Chefoo.
December 13, HANKWANG, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Iraouaddy*, str., from Marseilles, &c.—

FOR HONGKONG.

From Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss C. Voss, Messrs Thomson and Hipland, and 2 Chinese. From Saigon.—Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, child, and servant, 2 Annamites and 42 Chinese.

FOR SHANGHAI.

From Marseilles.—Messrs. Rae and Passet. From Singapore.—Mrs. Lena Fehnens. From Saigon.—Mr. and Mrs. Eurand.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

From Marseilles.—Mr. and Mrs. Norden Steel, Messrs. Nakamura, Kaultz, Hatz, Kounigo, Konol, and Koshiwa.

Per *Amoy*, str., from Canton:—
Mr. Lynn and 37 Chinese.
Per *Norna*, str., from Swatow:—
1 European and 150 Chinese.
Per *Dale*, str., from Haiphong, &c.:—
Mr. Judall and 100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Peiho*, str., for Saigon and Marseilles:—
For Saigon.—Messrs. François Leloup and Bonin-Claude, and 14 Chinese. For Singapore.—Brother Nicolas Antoine and 1 Chinese. For Calcutta.—Mr. R. P. Heilgers. For Batavia—Mr. Harris. For Madras:—Mr. Burnell. For Marseilles.—Count and Countess de Pourtalès, Mr. and Mrs. Lipman, Mr. and Mrs. de Struvé (Russian Minister at Japan), two children, and three servants, Mr. and Mrs. David and child, Mr. and Mrs. Felge, 4 children, and amah; Messrs. Henderson, Nelson, Butor, Dousdebès, Kingdon, Kratzer and child, Robert Nigre, Roche, Lebeau de Montour, Kermidy, J. Davis, A. Black, E. Otol, Li-ma-yu, Kac-achin-hou, Ma-kiau-chin-ho, Lang-kung, Pao-shu, John Brackinridge, and R. Simpson.
Per *Washi*, str., for Haiphong:—
Mr. Batten.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Norna* reports left Swatow on 13th December, and had dense fog prevailed throughout the passage.

The British steamship *Dale* reports left Haiphong, and Hoihow on 12th December. The first part of the passage light winds from the North: the later part light winds from the S.E. In Haiphong, bark *Northern Star* and steamer *Holyrood*. The barks *Brisbane*, *Bonita*, and *Uzziah* left for Hongkong on the 9th. The steamship *Albay* left Hoihow for Haiphong on the 10th.

The French steamship *Iraouaddy* reports left Marseilles on 4th November, Naples on the 6th, Port Said on the 10th, Suez on the 12th, Aden on the 17th, Galle on the 28th, Singapore on 4th December, and Saigon on the 9th. Experienced a light N.E. monsoon to within 170 miles of Saigon; from thence a fresh N.E. monsoon. To port moderate monsoon and fine weather until the morning of the 13th instant at 1 o'clock, off the Ladrones, when had to lay-to until the morning owing to a dense fog prevailing. Arrived in Hongkong at half-past two o'clock p.m. on the 13th instant.

MANILA SHIPPING.

November— ARRIVALS.
18, America, British steamer, from Singapore.
18, Salvador, Spanish str., from Singapore.
19, Swinger, British gunboat, from Jolo.
19, Japan, German schooner, from Hongkong.
21, Trinidad, Spanish steamer, from Liverpool.
23, Undine, British bark, from Hongkong.
23, San Lorenzo, Spanish brig, from H'kong.
23, Elmstone, British bark, from Hongkong.
23, Criterion, American ship, from Hongkong.
24, Mactan, Spanish steamer, from Hongkong.
27, Hopeful, British schooner, from H'kong.
27, Mary L. Stone, Brit. sh., from Melbourne.
29, Horsa, British ship, from Hongkong.
30, Staghound, British ship, from Hongkong.
30, Flores de Maria, Span. ship, from Moluccas.
December—
1, Emuy, Spanish steamer, from Hongkong.
November— DEPARTURES.
18, Emuy, Spanish steamer, for Hongkong.
18, Paragua, Spanish steamer, for Singapore.
20, Albyn's Isle, British bark, for Melbourne.
20, Esmeralda, British str., for Hongkong.
21, Vesta, German bark, for Tahiti.
24, Johanna Rudolph, Ger. sch., for Sydney.
24, Explorador, Spanish bark, for Hongkong.
24, Japan, German schooner, for Hongkong.
24, Swinger, British gunboat, for Hongkong.
27, America, British steamer, for Singapore.
December—
1, Mactan, British steamer, for Hongkong.

VESSELS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA.
(Per last Mail's Advice.)

Lorne (s.)	Shanghai	Oct.	19
Hermann	Manila	Oct.	19
Thermopylæ	Shanghai	Oct.	20
Leucadia	Hongkong	Oct.	21
Cadiz (s.)	Manila	Oct.	21
Benledi	Foochow	Oct.	22
Windhover	Shanghai	Oct.	23
J. R. Worcester	Hankow	Oct.	24
Lord of the Isles	Manila	Oct.	26
Nestor (s.)	Shanghai	Oct.	27
Atholl (s.)	Shanghai	Nov.	1

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
At noon,
Sundry Goods.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE Business of SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, hitherto conducted in my name, will now be carried on under the Style of COHEN and HEATON, Mr. ALEXANDER MACGLASHAN HEATON having THIS DAY become a PARTNER therein.

CHAS. C. COHEN.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [2m1625

NOTICE.

MR. JAMES AYTON MANN is authorized to SIGN our FIRM by procuration.

GEPP & Co.
Canton, 1st November, 1877. [2m1622

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. F. RAPP in our Firm CEASED from This Day.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1877. [1m1488

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at the Ports of TAKOW and TAIWANFOO, Formosa, as GENERAL MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of "JULIUS MANNICH & Co."

JULIUS MANNICH.
Takow, Formosa, 1st October, 1877. [1m1480

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY established myself at this Port as MERCHANT and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

W. SCHRIEVER.
Haiphong, 9th November, 1877. [1m1693

NOTICE.

WE have opened a BRANCH of our Establishment at HAIPHONG, Tonquin. Mr. L. JUEDELL is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

HERTON, EBELL & Co.
Swatow-Hoihow, 1st October, 1877. [3m1508

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 22nd September, 1877. [1451

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [6m1623

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. WILLIAM LEGGE as a PARTNER in my Business, which will henceforth be conducted under the Style of "HUGHES and LEGGE."

W. KERFOOT HUGHES.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [2m1624

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL......5,000,000 of Dollars.
RESERVE FUND.........650,000 of Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

E. R. Belilios, Esq.	A. McIver, Esq.
W. H. Forbes, Esq.	Wilhelm Reiners, Esq.
Hon. W. Keswick.	Ed. Tobin, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
16] Hongkong, 16th August, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL..........£800,000.
RESERVE FUND..........£110,000.

Bankers.
THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

The BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application. [1813

NOTICE.

BOOKBINDING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES AT THE "DAILY PRESS" OFFICE.

Bookbinding in every Style by Competent Workmen on the Premises.
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Commercial Binding of every Size and Description, and Account Books ruled to any Pattern.

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ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES at Current Rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [65

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)	Tls.	420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE	Tls.	230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	Tls.	75,000
TOTAL CAPITAL and Accumulations this date	Tls.	725,000

DIRECTORS.
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

M. W. BOYD, Esq.	C. KREBS, Esq.
M. P. EVANS, Esq.	C. LUCAS, Esq.

SECRETARIES.
Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

LONDON BANKERS.
Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.

AGENCIES IN
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at CURRENT RATES.

Subject to a charge of 12%, for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1877. [1518

TO BE LET.

TO LET.

A FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWN on the Praya, Wanchi.

Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1877. [tf28

TO LET.

THE GROUND FLOOR of No. 30, QUEEN'S ROAD, with Godown underneath; Compradore and Servants' Offices. Also additional Godown accommodation if required. Immediate Possession.

Apply to TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, 4th October, 1877. [1496

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 10, ALBANY ROAD, lately occupied by the Rev. R. H. KIDD.

"BISNEE VILLA," POKFOOLUM, Furnished.

Nos. 9 and 11, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, with Spacious Godowns attached, at present occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1877. [30

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE at WEST POINT, known as "Shirley House," now in the occupation of HERBERT COPE, Esq.

Also,

The THREE LARGE HOUSES (recently thoroughly repaired) known as FLETCHER'S BUILDINGS, adjoining the Control Department. They may be occupied as entire Dwellings or in Flats, and would be suitable for a Mess or Boarding Establishment.

SPACIOUS GRANITE AND COAL GODOWNS, connected with the above, fronting the Harbour and Queen's Road. Stabling.

Apply to
SHARP, TOLLER, AND JOHNSON,
Solicitors.
Supreme Court House,
Hongkong, 17th September, 1877. [665

TO LET.

THE DWELLING HOUSE & OFFICES, No. 1, D'AGUILAR STREET, lately in the occupation of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 10, GOUGH STREET.

The BUNGALOW, No. 17, WELLINGTON STREET.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1877. [788

TO LET.

With Possession 1st September,

HOUSES, Nos. 4 and 5, PECHILI TERRACE, Elgin Street.

Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 31st July, 1877. [tf1181

ROSE AND CO.

Have received by the FRENCH MAIL Steamship "FERONIA," and other late arrivals,

A Choice Assortment of GOODS, consisting of

DRESS MATERIALS,
SILKS, BLACK and COLOURED MERINOS, DAMASKS, &c., &c.
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S FANCY CLOTH JACKETS.
VELVET and SEALSKIN JACKETS.
The "Dame Trot" HAT, with all the other New Shapes, in FELT, VELVET, BEAVER, CHIP, &c., &c.
FRENCH FLOWERS and FEATHERS.
PLUSH SCARVES for HATS.
A Variety of WOOL WRAPS of every description.
EVENING DRESSES, in TARLATAN TULLE, SILK, &c.
The NEW GALON and FEATHER TRIMMINGS, all Shades.
A Choice Assortment of FRENCH FANS; also the NEW FAN-HOLDER, in all Shades.
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S LINEN and LACE SETS.
LADIES' and CHILDREN'S BOOTS and SHOES.
GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, with and without COLLARS.
SCARVES, COLLARS, GLOVES.
CHRISTY'S FELT HATS, New Shapes in BROWN, &c.
SEALSKIN and SMOKING CAPS.
HENDRIES' and PIVER'S PERFUMES, SOAPS, &c.
A good Assortment of FANCY WORK.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND NEW YEARS' GIFTS.
TOYS! TOYS!!

Just opened. Inspection respectfully invited.

QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, 29th November, 1877. [1760

FOR SALE.

CHAS. HEIDSIECK'S CHAMPAGNE, 1874, "WEISSLACK."
$19.............per case of 2 dozen pints.
$18.............per case of 1 dozen quarts.

CHATEAU LEOVILLE POYFERRE, 1869.
"VIN DES PRINCES."
$18.............per case of 1 dozen quarts.

PALMER MARGAUX.
$7.............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$8.............per case of 2 dozen pints.

CHATEAU BELAIR.
$7.............per case of 1 dozen quarts.

LORMONT.
$5.............per case of 1 dozen quarts.
$6.............per case of 2 dozen pints.

SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1876. [52

FOR SALE.

SECTIONS B and C of INLAND LOT No. 51, Area 9,880 Square Feet, with the SEVEN DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, Nos. 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, and 47, WYNDHAM STREET. Annual Crown Rent $105.

INLAND LOT No. 90, measuring to the North 80 Feet, South 88 Feet, East 201 Feet, and West 167 Feet, Area 14,720 Square Feet, with the FOUR DWELLING HOUSES erected thereon, Two fronting GOUGH STREET, Two fronting HOLLYWOOD ROAD. Annual Crown Rent $174.64.

For Particulars, apply to
J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1877. [2w1770

FOR SALE, SHAMEEN, CANTON.

THE Desirable PROPERTY, known as Lot No. 46, consisting of Commodious DWELLING HOUSE, OFFICES, and SILK GODOWN.

For Particulars, apply to
G. M. SMITH,
1546] Canton.

FOR SALE.

PRIME AMERICAN SMOKED SALMON, SMOKED TONGUE, CODFISH, SALT BEEF and PORK, in Small Kegs, DUTCH CHEESE, DUTCH HERRINGS, 12 in Tin.

J. F. SCHEFFER,
54, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1877. [1m1769

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAR & SONS, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, January, 1867. [59

NOW ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the *China Overland Trade Report* for the Year 1876.
PRICE TEN DOLLARS.
Apply at the *Daily Press* Office.
Hongkong, February, 1877.

AUCTIONS.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya,

THIS DAY,

the 14th December, 1877, at Noon,—

An Invoice of GLASSWARE, comprising GLASS DESSERT DISHES, TANKARDS, GOBLETS, VASES, WATER JUGS, TOILET SETS, &c., &c.
5 Cases Pints CHAMPAGNE.
20 Cases KINAHAN'S LL WHISKY.
1 Case CHEROOTS.
TOOL BOXES, CASH BOXES, TABLE KNIVES, TOYS.
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1877. [1820

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central,—

The following PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND, with the BUILDINGS erected thereon:—

FIRST.

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a public road, and measuring thereon 153 feet on the South side thereof on Section A of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41, and measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet on the East side thereof on a public road and measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is $73.01; together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. RUTTUNJEE, Esq.

SECOND.

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, situated in the Pokefolum District of Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 26, abutting on the North side thereof on Closes registered in the Land Office as Farm Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and measuring thereon 1,200 feet on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and measuring thereon 600 feet on the East side thereof on a Water Course and measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the sea at High Water Mark, and measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 22¼ acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is $53.40.

AND

All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, situated in the Pokefolum District of Hongkong, and registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close, registered in the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 3¾ acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is $12; together with a quantity of BUILDING MATERIALS at present contained in and about the houses, described as "BELMONT," upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the Purchase Money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the Purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [1619

VICTORIA REGATTA, 1877.

ENTRIES for RACES in the above Regatta may be made to any one of the undermentioned Gentlemen:—

H. E. WODEHOUSE, Esq.,
Lieut. WALKER, 28th Regt.,
W. HYNES, Esq.,
C. V. SMITH, Esq.,
E. BEART, Esq.,
H. M. SCHULTZ, Esq., or to
D. C. TRAVERS, Esq.,
Hon. Sec., Victoria Recreation Club.
Hongkong, 27th November, 1877. [1747

MILNERS' SAFE COMPANY, LIMITED,

MANUFACTURERS OF THE HOLDFAST AND PATENT FIRE RESISTING SAFES.

The UNDERSIGNED has been appointed SOLE AGENT in HONGKONG for the above Company. Specimen Safes on view at the Stores of Messrs. MCEWEN, FRICKEL & Co., by whom Orders can also be received.

T. G. LINSTEAD.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1877. [2w1771

"JAPAN GAZETTE."
YOKOHAMA.

HAVING been appointed AGENT in HONGKONG and SOUTH CHINA for the *Japan Gazette*, "Japan Gazette Summary," and "Hong List," Orders for Subscriptions and Advertisements for that Paper will be received at this Office.

Hongkong Daily Press Office,
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1877. [809

CORPORATE & REGISTERED TRADE C.J MARK.

CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON AND CO.,
WESTERN WORKS,
SHEFFIELD,
Manufacturers of the highest class
ENGINEER'S CAST STEEL, FILES, TOOLS, CUTLERY, &c.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HONGKONG AND CHINA
HARRIS, GOODWIN AND Co.,
HONGKONG and SHANGHAI,
who will always carry a large Stock of Files, Cutlery, and other Goods.
[3m1348

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at THIS PORT for THE POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.
Hongkong, 6th June, 1877. [tf894

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, 9th November, 1868. [66

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at Current Rates, subject to a Bonus of 20 per cent.

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [77

INTIMATIONS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
invite attention to their display of
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES. SCENT CABINETS.
WORK BOXES. BOOK SLIDES.
SCRAP BOOKS. JEWELRY BOXES.
PRESENTATION INKSTANDS.
FLOWER VASES. PIN TOILET SETS.
GLOVE and HANDKERCHIEF BOXES.
STATUETTES.
HANDSOMELY BOUND GIFT BOOKS.
FRENCH DOLLS.
MECHANICAL TOYS.
PUZZLES. YACHT STEAMBOATS.
NOAH'S ARKS. DOLLS' HOUSES.
The NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS, including—
ORIENTAL COSTUMES.
ZOO SURPRISE CRACKERS.
LE BAL MASQUE. POP THE QUESTION.
ELIXIR OF LOVE.
REGALIA COSAQUES.
FANCY BOXES of CHOCOLATE.
CHRISTMAS CAKES and PUDDINGS.
MINCE MEAT. FRENCH PLUMS.
ELVAS PLUMS. DRAGEES.
CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.
CHRISTMAS BISCUITS.
BLOOM MUSCATALS.
FIGS, DIRECT FROM SMYRNA.
FRENCH JAMS and BUTTER.

A Few Cases of the CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY ever imported.
SACCONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices.
PURE PORT. LIQUEURS.
CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.
Hongkong, 4th December, 1877. [1788

FOR SALE.

CHRISTY'S HATS, NEW STYLES, $2 each.

BALBRIGGAN SOCKS	$4 per Dozen.
LINEN COLLARS	$2 per Dozen.
BOYS' HATS	75 Cents.
ENGLISH TWEEDS	$1.35 per Yard.
FINE BLUE SERGE	75 Cents per Yard.
WHITE FLANNEL	25 Cents per Yard.
ROB ROY CHECK FLANNEL	25 Cents per Yard.

CHEAP! CHEAP!! CHEAP!!!
FOR CASH.
No. 1, STANLEY STREET.
E. LILLEY.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1877. [6d1811

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1877. [749

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INTIMATIONS.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1877. [1825

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of this COMPANY will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1877. [27d1764

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
No. 78.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTSZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

"LISMORE WRECK" LIGHT.

Notice is hereby given that the "Lismore" Wreck Screw-Pile Tower will be REMOVED as soon as practicable in consequence of the rapid deepening of the water around its foundations.

A Fixed RED LIGHT will be shown from the Tower as long as possible. On the discontinuance of this Light a RED LIGHT and a WHITE LIGHT underneath it will be exhibited from a small Junk moored about 400 feet to the N. 22° 30′ E. of the present Tower.

WOOSUNG LIGHTHOUSE.

In consequence of the removal of the above-mentioned Lighthouse, the RED sector of light, formerly exhibited from the Woosung and over the port side of the Channel on entering, will be resumed.

This light will therefore show:—

WHITE between the bank of the Yangtsze to the Westward of the Lighthouse and S. 3°, 15′ E.
GREEN between S. 3°, 15′ E. and S. 53°, 45′ W.
WHITE between S. 53°, 45′ W., and S. 70°, 30′ W., and
RED between S. 70°, 30′ W., and the left bank of the Woosung River.

The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs,
DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Engineer-in-Chief.
Imperial Maritime Customs,
Engineers' Office,
Shanghai, 6th December, 1877. [1w1815

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm,

WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,
BY
WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO.,

Late Manager of the Novelty Iron Works, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1877. [6m1810

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate that he has RETURNED, and is now READY to RECEIVE PATIENTS.

No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.
Hongkong, 23rd November, 1877. [61

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be ready to receive Patients on MONDAY, the 24th instant, until further notice, at his Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS. Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1877. [1446

NOTICE.

STORAGE for COALS, in Sheds and well ventilated Godowns, Praya East.

Apply to
J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1877. [2w1803

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878. SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the SECRETARY of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th September, 1877. [1421

MANILA.

THE Undersigned has This Day OPENED at this Port a BUSINESS, consisting of HOTEL, SHIP-CHANDLERY, and GENERAL STOREKEEPER, situated on the MOLE, facing the Bay.

Fresh Provisions and Water supplied on the SHORTEST NOTICE.

EDWARD VERRIL.
Manila, September 12th, 1877.

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MANILA.

On the MOLE, near the Harbour-Master's Office, and within Ten Minutes' walk of the Merchants' Offices.

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EDWARD VERRIL,
1441] Proprietor.

NOTICE.

Office of the SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, in Liquidation.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL, at the rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th instant.

Warrants will be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for endorsement.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th instant inclusive.

By Order, RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.
Shanghai, 2nd October, 1877. [1512

NOTICE.

PRINTING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION AT THE "DAILY PRESS" OFFICE.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1872. [67

INTIMATIONS.

FOR SWATOW AND SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship
"AMOY,"
G. H. Drewes, Master, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY (Friday), the 14th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1877. [1827

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"
Commandant Rolland, will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA
TO-MORROW, the 15th instant, at 10 A.M.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship
"IRAOUADDY,"
Commandant Gauvain, will be despatched for
SHANGHAI
on SUNDAY, the 16th instant, at Daylight.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for HANKOW and PORTS on the YANGTSZE.

THE Company's Steamship
"PATROCLUS"
will be despatched on or about the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877. [1828

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE A1 British Clipper Ship
"CILURNUM,"
Shrewsbury, Commander, has splendid accommodation for Cabin Passengers.

Apply to CAPTAIN, on board; or, to
WIELER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1877. [1826

WANTED, a EUROPEAN STEWARD for a CLUB. No one without PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE as a STEWARD, need apply.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877. [1829

WANTED, by a Young Man aged 25 years, residing in a neighbouring Settlement, EMPLOYMENT in a COMPANY or FIRM; is well acquainted with the English and French Languages and can correspond in both; can produce Certificates and give Good References. Well acquainted with the East; has travelled a great deal, and could render considerable service to a Firm wishing for a Traveller or an Agent in any ports in the China Seas. Would be willing to sign a contract. Address "V.," Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1877. [1m

NOTICE.

T. J. THOMAS, the ENGLISH SUBMARINE DIVER, has all the Appliances ready for Wrecking. Salvage Operations undertaken, and Property recovered from Wrecks up to Twenty-Five fathoms.

Temporary Address, care of P. and O. Office, Galle.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1877. [1633

MANILA.

HOTEL FRANCAIS.

The Undersigned begs to call the attention of his Patrons and the Public in general that, having returned to the Management of the above Hotel, into which he has introduced sunday reforms and advantages hitherto not existing in same, he offers the best Hotel in the Islands, most MODERATE CHARGES, combined with best Articles in Wines, &c., &c.; all of which enables him to ensure that the reputation hitherto enjoyed, and for which best thanks are tendered, will henceforth be such as to merit a continuance of the favours of Persons visiting Manila.

BILLIARDS—BATHS—CARRIAGES.

LALA ARI.
Manila, 15th November, 1877. [2m1734

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S Str. "MENELAUS," FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 20th instant for shipment per Str. "PATROCLUS."

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877. [1828

STEAMSHIP "IRAOUADDY."
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "GANGE" from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before TO-DAY, the 14th instant, at 10 A.M., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 20th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, 14th December, 1877.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MENELAUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 12th December, 1877.

Goods undelivered after the 17th December, 1877, will be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 12th December, 1877. [1795

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Ex "AMAZONE."
SP, Order, 72 bags Stones, from Madras.
Ex "DJEMNAH."
MT, No. 786, Mr. Matheson, 1 case. Fire Arms, from Marseilles.
WGS Nos. 1/7 } 7 cases Wine, from
WB, Mr. G. W. Scott } Marseilles.
H.M.S. "Lapwing."
Mr. J. Ridley, Formosa, 1 case Effects, from London.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1877. [1804

NOTICE.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY FOR 1878.

(With which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY.")

The PUBLISHER requests that those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be kind enough to do so WITHOUT DELAY. Any Persons who have recently arrived, or to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, are desired to send their Names and Addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 12th, 1877.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that I have placed Mr. R. CHATTERTON WILCOX IN CHARGE of the PRINTING and PUBLISHING BUSINESS carried on at the *Daily Press* Office from this date, and it is further notified that Mr. WILCOX has entered into an Agreement with me as LESSEE of that BUSINESS, to commence on the 1st January, 1878.

YORICK JONES MURROW,
by his Attorneys
WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1877.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.,
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By Appointment to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and his Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
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And
AERATED WATER MAKERS,
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the FIRM, A. S. WATSON and Co., or
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [58

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

BIRTH.

On the 25th October, at 18, Bolton-gardens, London, Lady WADE, of a Son.

DEATH.

On the 28th October, at Carlyle-square, S.W., ROBERT SWINHOE, F.R.S., F.L.Z.S., F.R.G.S., late Her Majesty's Consul, Ningpo, aged 41.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 14TH, 1877.

THE author of the pamphlet on the Central School evidently does not see the utility or the wisdom of the Government of this Colony paying for the education of boys who leave Hongkong to take service in the Chinese Customs. He considers that the result of its working should be more apparent in this Colony. But he forgets that Chinese youths who have received an English education are at a premium in the Chinese service, that they do not have to submit to a trying competitive examination, and that they have a prospect before them of some day becoming mandarins, the highest flight of Chinese ambition. Hence it is not wonderful that the large majority of the Chinese clerks and *employés* in the Imperial Maritime Customs Service have been pupils at the Central School. And we must expect to see the best English scholars among the Chinese here drafted off into the service of their own Government for years to come. The other inducements would be greater in the Chinese service, even if the pay were much smaller than that offered by the Colonial Government. The Central School boys are not singular in their acceptance of employment under the Chinese Government; many of the pupils from St. Paul's College and other educational establishments have entered on the same career, and two or three more of the most prominent are pretty sure to follow at no distant date. Nor is this a matter to be deplored. It may be a direct loss to the Colony for a time, but it will be a great indirect gain in the future, and the Central School is most usefully employed in turning out embryo Chinese officials capable of speaking English, imbued with progressive ideas, and free from the ignorant prejudices entertained by the mass of their countrymen. It must not be forgotten also that the fact that their own sons can obtain an education here that will qualify them for employment in the service of the Chinese Government and eventually perhaps for a mandarin's button is an inducement for respectable Chinese to bring their families here. This English speaking contingent of Chinese youths will, we hope, ultimately prove the channel by means of which the reign of progress may be inaugurated and reforms introduced into China. The Chinese Ministers are not only able to see the necessity existing for their subordinates to be conversant with English, but they are also beginning to appreciate the advantages of a Western education. Intercourse with foreigners is no longer a matter of choice, trade with them has become a necessity, and though the Government of Peking would fain keep the foreigners at a greater distance, yet it cannot afford to do without the trade established with them. A significant indication of the feeling of Chinese officials in regard to the value of the English education was afforded by the visit of ceremony paid to Mr. NG CHOY by the Haikwan of Canton on the occasion of his recent stay in this Colony. Such a proceeding has no precedent in this Colony. No Chinese official of rank has ever called upon a Chinaman in Hongkong before, and the visit paid by the Haikwan to Mr. NG CHOY must be regarded as due to the distinction that gentleman has achieved in being called to the English bar. The courtesy would not have been paid to a mere merchant or a Chinese official in the service of the local Government; it was not simply a mark of respect to Mr. NG CHOY, but it was likewise an involuntary tribute to the learning of the West. It is gratifying to find that in some degree the Chinese Authorities are now inclined to allow that there is something to be learned from Europe, and that prejudices against foreigners do not extend to all their customs and laws. The Central School will, if properly encouraged, become an increasing power in good in helping to break down the barriers of exclusiveness by which China is hedged in, and by which she has so long succeeded in keeping the rest of the world at arm's length.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 4.20 yesterday afternoon.

The Portuguese transport *Africa*, Captain F. Marques, arrived here yesterday afternoon.

The French steamer *François I.*, from this port, arrived at Suez on the 28th October with a broken shaft.

Her Majesty's troopship *Tamar* left Singapore on Wednesday afternoon, and may be expected here on the morning of the 21st.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Captain Thomsett, R.N., ten seamen serving on board the British ship *Birker* were charged by Captain Reynolds with refusal of duty, and each of the prisoners were ordered to forfeit seven days' pay.

Yesterday afternoon Commander Valois paid a visit on board the *Victor Emanuel* and on leaving that vessel he received the usual salute. He afterwards visited Admiral Véron on board the French man-of-war *Atalante*, and was saluted on leaving that vessel.

We are asked to announce that, on Christmas Day, by order of the Right Rev. Bishop Raimondi, collections will be made at all the services in the Roman Catholic Cathedral, as well as in all the other churches, on behalf of the sufferers by the famine at present raging in the North of China.

We understand that the Government of Macao has levied a tax upon beggars, and that each individual mendicant will henceforth be required to take out a license before plying their calling, or run the risk of being sent to gaol. The "certificate" will cost 10 cents, and will be issued quarterly.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Dec. 12th:—

	EUROPEAN.	CHINESE.
Thursday	37	371
Friday	43	372
Saturday	59	235
Sunday	61	Sunday
Monday	40	480
Tuesday	47	455
Wednesday	4	None
	271	1,913

We have been requested to state that, by kind permission of Captain Ducat (Commanding Officer) and the officers, the band of the 28th Regiment will play in the Public Gardens on Saturday evening, the 15th instant, from nine to eleven o'clock, in aid of the Diocesan Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the reduction of a debt incurred for necessary repairs. The price of admission has been fixed at 10 cents, and no change will be given at the gates.

As the river steamer *Kinshan* was coming alongside the Canton Wharf on Wednesday afternoon, a sampan (No. 4,063) containing six men, three women, and three small children, made a dash to get to the steamer, but was capsized and all the occupants precipitated into the water. Fortunately a police boat was near at hand, and Constable Chu Augam (361) picked the three children up, otherwise they would have been drowned. The police boat also rescued the women and one man. The other five men swam to a sampan close by. It is a wonder that more accidents of this kind do not occur through the overcrowding of sampans by the natives.

The St. Petersburg Correspondent of the *Morning Post* states that Chakim-Khan-Ture, designated by the late Yakoob Beg to be his successor, has, at the Governor-General's request, arrived at Tashkend, after having been defeated and driven from Kashgar by Bek Kuli Beg, Yakoob's youngest son, now usurping the dignity of Emir. Chakim-Khan, a native of the Ferghena district, fled to his uncle, Yakoob Beg, on the defeat of Ali Kul by Tchernayeff in the battle of Tashkend. General Kaufmann, who has had long conferences with Chakim-Khan, is asserted to have the intention of using him as an instrument for later on obtaining control of the late Yakoob Beg's sultana. It is announced from Manas that a Chinese army of 50,000 men has been collected in the districts of Urumtchi to continue their invasion of Kashgar. Some Russian merchants at Urumtchi complain of the ill-treatment to which they are exposed by the Chinese. Letters from Schicho intimate that Turfan has been reconquered by the Dunganies, who have started on an expedition with a force of 30,000 men. Telegraphic orders have been sent to the Russian general in command of Kuldscha to despatch a company of the Turkestan battalion of infantry, half a sotnia of Cossacks, and a train of artillery to Scharkode to check the raids of Chinese robbers into Kuldscha.

Prior to the departure of His Excellency Kwoh Sung-tao, the Chinese Ambassador to London, he received instructions from His Majesty the Emperor to keep a diary in which he was note everything that he saw during his voyage from China to Europe, the manner in which he was received at the various ports at which he would touch *en route*, and his reception at his destination by the English people and Authorities. He was further instructed to record his impression of the places he visited, and to report on the manners and customs of the people, together with the commerce of the country. This journal, when completed, was to be sent to Peking for perusal. Kwoh Sung-tao faithfully fulfilled the Imperial commands, and in due course transmitted the result of his observations in a book filled with copious notes to Peking. After its perusal orders were given by the Tsung-li Yamen to have several thousand copies of it printed in pamphlet form for distribution among the high mandarins. Hardly half of these pamphlets had been distributed, however, when one of the censors presented a strongly-worded memorial to the Throne praying for the withdrawal of Kwoh Sung-tao's diary from circulation, as the memorialist considered the statements made in it reflected disgracefully upon China, since the Ambassador had described every thing in England as greatly superior to China—had, in fact, told the whole truth, which was unacceptable to Chinese pride. We regret to have to add that the prayer of the censor was granted.

The adjourned inquest was resumed at the Magistracy before Mr. Russell, Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. E. Georg, H. G. James, and C. Koch, on the body of Li Awong and others.—To Alau said he was a coolie employed in the Kowloon Docks. He had a contract for doing some work for a man named Apak, who was drowned. He did not supply any boat.—Ho Atang, recalled, said that he pointed out to Inspector Grimes yesterday a boat which was somewhat longer than the one in which they were, and which got upset on the 5th instant. He saw the Inspector measure the boat.—Inspector Grimes produced a list with five names of those that were in the boat. He stated that he had measured the boat pointed out by the last witness which was like the one lost. It was 15 feet in length, 4 feet in breadth, and 1 foot 4 inches in depth. It was an unsafe boat for twelve men with any sea on. Another body had been found and identified as that of Chun Achan.—At this stage of the proceedings the court was cleared for about ten minutes, when the jury returned the following verdict:—"That the said deceased was accidentally drowned in the waters of the Hongkong Harbour on the 5th day of December by the capsizing of a boat in which he and eleven others were coming to Victoria from the docks at Kowloon. The jury further find that the said boat was overcrowded and desire to call the attention of the Government to the necessity for making provision against the recurrence of a similar accident by establishing a strict police supervision at the principal points of embarkation."

The Ocean steamship *Nestor*, Captain Freeman, arrived in London on the 29th October. The P. and O. Company's steamer *Peshawur* arrived on the same date.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Patroclus* left Singapore for this port on Wednesday evening.

The following vessels are loading in London for Hongkong:—The German steamer *Altona*, Captain Muller; the British steamer *Cyphrenes*, Captain Wood, and *Glenfalloch*, Captain Taylor.

The crew of the British bark *Hannah and Mary*, which vessel we reported was repairing at Simon's Bay, have, according to the latest advices received, refused to proceed in her. They allege that her yards and sails were in a bad state. The vessel had been surveyed, and it was recommended that all necessary repairs be effected.

The *Turkestan Gazette* describes the condition of the country around Kashgar as still altogether unsettled and disturbed. The Torgut nomad tribes, who used to wander about with their flocks in Kashgar, Yangishar, and Karle, have left the territory and taken refuge in Russia. More than a thousand of that tribe have been received and housed in the district of Kuldja by order of the Governor. A Chinese army of about 50,000 men is in the field against the Kashgarians in Urumtchi. The Chinese have forbidden the Russian merchants to trade in that district.

The subjoined items are taken from the *London and China Express* of the 2nd ultimo:—

A new yacht for the King of Siam has been launched.

Mr. G. Schlegel has inaugurated his professorship at the Leyden University with a speech, in which he demonstrated the advantages of a study of the Chinese language.

The new Order in Council has appeared in the *Gazette* of the 26th October. Its effect is to extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court there over all crimes and offences committed by British subjects, and over all disputes and differences which may arise between British subjects on land within ten miles of Hongkong, in place of, as hitherto, only over offences within six miles, and not on the mainland of China.

The subject of the Chafoo Convention is beginning to attract attention. A memorial, which has been drawn up by those in favour of its being adopted, and which has been signed by a number of persons who take a philanthropic and general interest in China, will, it is understood, be shortly presented, by a deputation, to the Government; and, on the other hand, we learn that the London Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce are taking steps to bring the views of that body on the more practical and commercial aspect of the subject to the cognisance of the Government, before final action is taken in the matter. The Rev. F. S. Turner, Secretary to the Anti-Opium Society, has addressed a letter to the *Daily News*, in reply to the note of Sir Thomas Wade, urging that the Convention is already "signed, sealed, and in part executed," and should, therefore, be ratified.

The latest mail advices received here were:—Manila 5th, Shanghai 9th, Foochow 11th, Hongkong 15th, Yokohama (*viâ* San Francisco) 19th, Batavia 20th, Singapore 23rd September, and Galle 1st October. We have no later advices from China and the Straits Settlements than those dated as above, which were received by the French mail, *viâ* Marseilles, on the 23rd October. The mail from Japan per Occidental and Oriental Company's steamer *Belgic* reached London, *viâ* San Francisco, on the 20th October. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing dates Yokohama 12th, Shanghai 16th, Hongkong 22nd, Singapore 30th September, left Brindisi on the 2nd November, and would reach London on the 5th November, its due date. The following French mail, with a week's later advices, left Suez on the 28th October, five days early. The P. and O. Company's steamer *Hindostan*, with the heavy portion of last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 27th October.

We understand that Sir Brooke Robertson, C.B., has been selected to succeed Sir Walter Medhurst at Shanghai, with the rank of Consul-General. While we are glad to find that the claims which Sir Brooke has to this promotion, in consequence of his long service, have not been overlooked, we cannot but regret that he should be removed from Canton, the requirements of which post he so fully understands. It may also be doubted whether it is quite wise to select for a newly-made office a gentleman to whom arduous work will probably prove trying; and on the other hand the position of Consul at Canton is one where, though the work is not hard, an official of tried experience is required, so that it was eminently suited to Sir Brooke. We trust that the Government may not fall into the error of imagining that on account of the falling off of trade a junior officer may be sufficient for Canton. On account of its being the nearest Consular port to Hongkong, it has an importance of its own, and it should consequently be always placed in the hands of a tried and reliable officer. We believe that leave of absence has been granted to Sir Brooke, and that he will not assume his duties at Shanghai for some time.

Many of our readers both at home and in China will join with us in the regret which we feel in announcing the death of Mr. Robert Swinhoe, who has been long connected with H.M. Consular Service in China. Mr. Swinhoe returned home with failing health some four or five years ago, and not recovering his strength, finally retired from the service in August, 1875. His death took place on Sunday, October 28th, at his residence in Carlyle-square, London. Mr. Swinhoe's first appointment was as a supernumerary interpreter at Hongkong; he since then has continuously served the Crown in that capacity, and as consul in various parts of China. Mr. Swinhoe belonged to several learned societies. He was appointed a fellow of the Asiatic Society of China in 1860, was a fellow of the Royal Society, was a fellow and corresponding member of the Royal Zoological Society, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, a corresponding member of the Ethnological Society since 1863, a member of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, and of the North China Branch of the Asiatic Society. Many of the papers which he drew up from time to time will be remembered as of a most valuable character, while, as an individual, Mr. Swinhoe will be lamented by a large circle of personal friends.

A large steamer has been launched from the building-yard of Messrs. Hall, Russell, and Co., Aberdeen, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The weather was fine. She is 225 feet in length, 31 feet 6 inches beam, 21 feet 6 inches deep, and 1,080 tons gross register. The vessel has been built under special survey of Lloyd's, and is to be fitted up with compound surface-condensing engines of 180-horse power, iron masts, steam winches, patent windlass, and all the most approved plans for facilitating a quick discharge of cargo. The *Kwangtung*, which is the name of the steamer, has accommodation for fifty first-class European passengers and about 300 steerage Chinese passengers. She has been built to the order of Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik and Co., of Hongkong, and is intended for the China coasting trade, and will be commanded by Captain Westoby, late of the *Namoa*, belonging to the same firm. The *Kwangtung* is the ninth vessel which has been built by Messrs. Hall, Russell and Co., for Messrs. Douglas, Lapraik and Co. Mrs. Russell performed the christening ceremony as the vessel took the water, and she was towed to the shear poles for the purpose of receiving the machinery. After the launch a few friends adjourned to the office, where the usual toasts were given.

THE LOSS OF THE "QUEENSBERRY."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Sir,—I desire through the public press to give expression to my sincere thanks to the Hongkong Community who have so generously assisted me in my recent misfortune.

You are aware that I lost the vessel formerly under my command in the Palawan Passage, and, after having been for some days in an open boat, eventually arrived at Hongkong with my wife and family, destitute of everything. The spontaneous hospitality and substantial assistance received by me during my stay here, calls for a heartfelt expression of my thanks to each and all who have aided me. By kindly inserting these lines in your paper, you will greatly oblige,—Your's &c.,

THOS. HENINGS,
Late master British barque *Queensberry*.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1877.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

[BY SOUTHERN ROUTE.]

LONDON, 11th December.

THE CAPTURE OF PLEVNA.

The accounts of the disaster at Plevna state that Ghazi Osman Pacha attempted to pierce the Russian lines in the direction of Widdin. After great slaughter and a heroic struggle he was compelled to capitulate.

40,000 prisoners, besides 20,000 sick, have fallen into the Russians' hands: the garrison was dying of cold and hunger.

It is semi-officially stated that Russia intends to prosecute the war.

SUPREME COURT.

December 13th.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SNOWDEN AND A SPECIAL JURY.

WAI AKWONG *v.* LEE SING AND ANOTHER, $3,425.06.—This was a claim for the balance due on a lot of quicksilver, for which it was alleged the defendants were liable as sureties of the person who purchased it. The Attorney-General, instructed by Messrs. Stephens and Holmes, was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Brereton, was for the defendants. The jury were Messrs. W. Reiners, A. T. Manger, W. C. E. von Pustau, senior, E. E. Sassoon, F. L. Grobien, C. Kahn, and W. H. Forbes.

The Attorney-General, in opening the case, said the action was brought by Wai Akwong, the compradore of the Chartered Mercantile Bank, against Lee Sing and another, trading as Lee Hing & Co. in this city. The suit was brought to recover the sum of $3,425.06, and it arose out of certain transactions in quicksilver between Wai Akwong and the Sz Yik firm. The Sz Yik firm, consisting of a man named Lee Yu Chow, had certain transactions in quicksilver with the plaintiff. It would appear that Lee Yu Chow, being in want of quicksilver, made an arrangement with Wai Akwong to take from him 200 flasks, that they should hand him on account $7,312.50, that it was open to the Sz Yik firm to return the quicksilver at the expiration of two months and take their money back, or if the rate went up to the invoice price it was optional with them to take it at the invoice price and pay the balance $3,425.06, to Wai Akwong. The defendants were security for the fulfilment of the arrangement by the Sz Yik firm. There was also an arrangement about interest, which had been complied with. At the expiration of the two months, on the 2nd August, the price of the quicksilver did go up to considerably above the invoice price, and the Sz Yik firm then gave Wai Akwong notice that they elected to take over the quicksilver and would pay immediately. The arrangements were made through a broker. On the 4th Aug. Lee Yu Chow, who was the Sz Yik firm, finding that quicksilver had gone down again, left the Colony. The question in dispute was as to whether the Sz Yik firm did or did not elect to purchase the quicksilver at the invoice price. Did the said Sz Yik firm ever exercise their right to take over the quicksilver? That was a question for the jury. If so, was the plaintiff under obligation to give notice to the defendants? That he took to be rather a mixed question of law and fact. The learned Attorney then detailed the circumstances of the case as given in the evidence below.

Mr. Wai Akwong said—I am compradore to the Chartered Bank, and have been so for twenty-two years. Lee Yu Chow is the master of the Sz Yik firm; Lee Sing and Lee Kung Chuen are the partners of the Lee Hing firm. Lee Yu Chow, Lee Sing, and Lee Kung Chuen are brothers. Lee Yu Chow was employed as manager of the opium farm. He dealt largely in quicksilver. He sent brokers to me on two occasions about quicksilver. I had dealings with him. The first lot I lent him was 420 flasks, the second lot was 200 flasks. The 420 flasks were lent on the 30th May, 1877. The invoice cost was $96 a picul. The second lot was lent on the 19th June, invoiced at $94.50 per picul. The second lot is the subject of this action.—I had an agreement about it with the Sz Yik firm. He took delivery at three different times, on the first occasion he took thirty flasks, on the second fifty, and on the third a hundred and twenty. I made out a full receipt, but the whole of the amount not having being paid I kept it by me. The receipt is dated 19th June and the last payment made was on the 28th July. Interest was to be charged if the amount was not paid during the first week, and not being paid I made out an account for interest to the end of July, amounting to about $48, which was paid by the broker, Ho Hing Ting. Quicksilver was rising up to the 3rd August. On that day Mr. Ho Hing Ting, the broker, came to me to ascertain whether the price was $94 or $94.50. I told him it was $94.50 and showed him the agreement. He said he was sent by Mr. Lee Yu Chow to close it at that rate. I asked him for the balance, and he said he would bring it presently. I asked him to make a memorandum of acceptance on the back of the agreement, which he did. He took the bill away and returned again in a little time with Wat Chee Nam, and said he had come to close the other lot of 420 flasks at $96 a picul. I said they could close it, and told my shroff to make out an account of the balance, which came to $8,700. That has been paid. Mr. Wat Chee Nam was one of the sureties for the 420 flasks, and he paid up. On the 2nd August quicksilver went up to $97, on the following day to $100, and on the 4th it fell to $94.50, again. Ho Yin Ting said he would bring the money for the 200 flasks presently. I asked him again and he said "I will surely get the money for you to-morrow." On the 4th he came to me and said Lee Yu Chow had absconded. Then I told my shroff to write a notice to the Lee Hing shop. I afterwards wrote again on the 14th August, but the letter was not received until the second time of delivery. I received an answer saying that the defendants' firm would act according to the terms of the agreement. I have received no portion of the balance and the amount of $3,425.06 is still due to me. Ho Yin Ting is a well known broker doing a large business in opium and quicksilver.

By Mr. Hayllar—I have known Ho Yin Ting for a long time, but have had no transactions with him before these 450 flasks and 200 flasks. On the 19th June the price of quicksilver was $63.50. The quicksilver cost me $94.50 before it went down to this price, which is the meaning of the term "original price." I did not want to sell it until it reached that price, and I lent it out at interest to people who had no stock and required it. I knew Lee Yu Chow had been speculating heavily on the 2nd August, but I did not then know that he was in difficulties. It was not until the 4th, when he absconded, that I wrote to his sureties. Wat Chee Nam is the manager of the Tai On Bank, and he was the security for Lee Yu Chow in the 450 flasks transaction. Lee Yu Chow was a shareholder in the bank. I knew quicksilver was going down between the 4th and 14th August. I never inquired from Lee Hing personally whether the letter of the 4th August reached him.

By the Attorney-General—Lee Yu Chow could have made money on the transaction on the 3rd and 4th August. The price fell to $90 on the 5th and then continued to go down. The arrangement with Lee Yu Chow was that he was to pay immediately. I arranged with Mr. Wat Chee Nam that he should give a promissory note for fifteen days.

Ho Yin Ting said—I am a broker in opium and quicksilver, and have been so for about ten years. I do a large business for Chinese and foreigners. Lee Yu Chow told me to go to Mr. Wai Akwong to borrow 200 flasks of quicksilver on the 19th June. I made the arrangement and an agreement was entered into. I took one of Wai Akwong's men to Lee Yu Chow, introduced him, and left him there. I did not see the agreement signed. I know nothing about the delivery of the quicksilver. On the 2nd August Wai Akwong gave me a bill for interest for $50. Lee Yu Chow gave me that money to pay and instructed me to go and look at the agreement and take up the purchase at $94.50 a picul. I made a memorandum on the contract that the purchase was taken up, and Wai Akwong then ordered his shroff to make out an account for the balance due, which should be about $3,420. While taking this account to Lee Yu Chow I met Wat Chee Nam, who asked me if I had settled the price, and I said "Yes." He requested me to go back with him to settle the other 420 flasks. I settled that together with Wat Chee Nam, and I then went to Lee Yu Chow, and presented him with the account and requested him to pay. He said "later." I asked him again later on, and he again put me off. I saw him a third time and he said he would pay the following morning, the 3rd. On the following morning I saw him and he asked me to take delivery of some quicksilver from Mr. McBain, and gave me over $8,000 to take delivery with. I asked him for the money for Wai Akwong, but he told me to take delivery from Mr. McBain first. After taking this delivery, I again asked him for the money for Mr. Wai Akwong, and he said he would give it me on the following morning, the 4th. I did not see him again. Mr. Wai Akwong had been asking me for the money in the meantime. I saw him on the 4th, and told him I could not find Lee Yu Chow. I took a letter from him that day to the Lee Hing firm and delivered it to Lee King Chuen. The amount due to Wai Akwong has not been paid.

By Mr. Hayllar—I negotiated the contract with Mr. McBain some time before the second of August. The price was $80 or a little over. It was necessary under the contract that delivery should be taken and the price paid on the 2nd August. I did not know at that time that Lee Yu Chow was in difficulties. I knew the Sz Yik firm had been speculating. I have often had transactions with Wai Akwong. He paid me the brokerage on the 420 flasks. That was because the security man sent me to settle the price. Wai Akwong did not send me to look after the security man. Wai Akwong and I had had some conversation about it before. I did not negotiate the contract. I got the brokerage for settling the price. I have not received the commission on the 200 flasks yet.

By the Attorney-General—When I met Wat Chee Nam he told me something Lee Yu Chow had told him and it was in consequence of that I went back with him to Wai Akwong. By settling the price I mean purchasing at the price agreed upon. It is usual for brokers who close transactions in that way to receive commission. Lee Yu Chow told me to settle the 200 flasks and that was the reason I gave the memorandum on the back of the contract. I have had many transactions in quicksilver with Wai Akwong, but I do not know whether they were on his own account.

Wat Chee Nam said—I was formerly manager of the Tai On Bank, which is now closed, and I am now manager of the Ming Cheong Bank. I know of a transaction in quicksilver between Wai Akwong and Lee Yu Chow, in which 420 flasks were sold to Lee Yu Chow, and I was one of the sureties. On the 2nd August I saw Lee Yu Chow at the Opium Farm. I went to see him because Wai Akwong had been pressing me about the 420 flasks. Lee Yu Chow said "Ho Yin Ting has gone to Wai Akwong to settle about the 200 flasks and you had better go and do the same with the 420 flasks." He told me to tell Ho Yin Ting to settle them. I met Ho Yin Ting and we went to see Wai Akwong together.

By Mr. Hayllar—On the 31st July or 1st August, when the market was rising, Wai Akwong told me if I was going to settle I must settle then, as otherwise he would claim the difference in price. I knew Ho Yin Ting as a broker, but I had had no transactions with him. I did not know him as a friend of Wai Akwong.

Soo Ato, accountant to Wai Akwong, and Hu Achang, assistant shroff, also gave evidence in support of plaintiff's case.

Mr. Hayllar, in addressing the jury for the defence, said it appeared that on the 19th June the Sz Yik firm entered into rather a peculiar agreement with plaintiff in connection with this quicksilver. Wai Akwong explained the transaction by saying he was a large dealer in quicksilver and often had a large quantity on hand, and if the market rates were not such as were favourable for its disposal and people wanted to borrow it he let it out and made money on it in that way. Now the sole question on the first issue was whether according to the meaning of the contract the Sz Yik firm did on the 2nd August or at any other time elect to take over the quicksilver. The case must turn mainly on the credibility of Ho Yin Ting or Lee Yu Chow, who would be called. Ho Yin Ting was corroborated by other witnesses to some extent, but as to the main question there could be but one piece of evidence, and that was as to what took place between Lee Yu Chow and Ho Yin Ting. The position of the latter was of the utmost importance. It appeared he trusted altogether to his memory as to what took place, and a broker who trusted altogether to his memory in an important matter like this was likely to be biased in favour of the party for whom he gave evidence. Wai Akwong, who was examined in English, said he had only had two transactions with Ho Yin Ting, and had only paid him brokerage on one. Ho Yin Ting came into the box and flatly contradicted this important piece of evidence. He said he was constantly in Wai Akwong's office and had received brokerage on many tons of transactions. The memorandum placed on the back of the contract by Ho Yin Ting did not tell in the case at all unless he had instructions to put it there.—The learned counsel went on to argue that Ho Yin Ting was the agent of Wai Akwong and pressed Lee Yu Chow to close the purchase, but the latter, so far from doing so, said he mistrusted the rise in the market and was not in a position to take over the quicksilver; his means were exhausted by having to meet other engagements. He retired from his difficulties by going to Canton. He had now come back and cut the knot of his difficulties, and he would be produced as a witness having no personal interest in the matter his affairs being in the hands of the official assignee. It was not until the price of quicksilver went down considerably that Wai Akwong really pressed in this matter. Instead of being settled up on the 2nd August, as it should have been between business men, it was not until the 14th August that notice was given to the defendants that they were held liable, the notice on the 2nd August being only an informal one.

The case was adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

POLICE COURT.

December 13th.

BEFORE CHARLES MAY, ESQ.

George Hagar, seaman on board H.M. despatch-boat *Vigilant*, was charged by U-Ashing, licensed chair bearer No. 446, with refusing to pay chair hire. Prisoner was carried from the Artillery Barracks to Wanchi, thence back to Queen's-road Central. He was drunk at the time.—Ordered to pay fifty cents to chair coolies; in default, one days imprisonment.

ALLEGED LUNATIC.

Wong Alung, a cook, was charged by P.C. 167, with running about the streets on the afternoon of the 12th instant. When the constable stopped the prisoner he said that some people were going to cut him and some people said was insane.

Prisoner said in defence that he left the shop to which he belonged, as a good many people wanted to beat him.

Ho Ayan ask leave of the Magistrate to take charge of the prisoner, who had been ill for some time and was not altogether right in his head.

Mr. May handed the man over to his friend.

GAMBLING.

Chun, Asing, and Chun Atai were charged with gambling in the street.

District watchman No. 8 said that that morning he was on special duty in plain clothes in company with District watchman No. 9. When near Gap-street the saw some men playing fan-tan. The first prisoner was acting as manager; the second prisoner was playing.

By the first prisoner—Witness was quite certain that he was counting the cash.

District watchman No. 9 corroborated the evidence of the last witness.

Both prisoners said that it was a false charge.

Mr. May said that the prisoners looked strong built men and able to work. But they preferred squatting down in a corner of a street like dogs, and any person seeing them would know that they were vagabonds. He would sentence the first prisoner to two months' imprisonment with hard labour, and to be exposed in the stocks for one hour. That sentence would keep him in prison over the Chinese New Year, which was a still greater punishment. The second prisoner he would fine $5; in default, fourteen days' imprisonment with hard labour.

ALLEGED LARCENY.

Fung Ayau was charged with stealing a quilt and a pair of trousers.

Pun Angan, said that about two o'clock p.m. on the 12th inst., he was sitting in his room, when he heard a cry of tahn, tahn (thief, thief), from his wife. He ran out and saw his wife, who said something about the cook-house. He went to that room and from there to a house at the back of his own. In the back room of that house he saw the prisoner sitting down; near him was a quilt which witness pulled up when there dropped out a pair of trousers belonging to his wife. The prisoner did not say anything. Witness took the prisoner into the street and gave him into the custody of P.C. 608.

Chun Aho, wife of the last witness, corroborated his evidence.

Prisoner was identified as having been convicted as a rogue and vagabond on the 22nd March last, when he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour. He was now committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

Chan Atsoi was brought up on remand charged with kidnapping three girls at Canton and bringing them to this colony on the 7th instant.

Inspector Whitehead applied for a further remand for one week.

The prisoner, as before, was admitted to bail, and remanded until the 20th instant.

HIOGO.

We hear that when recently down at Kagoshima, the *Kwaiju Maru* received orders to carry to Nagasaki some wrecked Coreans. They were duly brought alongside in boats, but on discovering that there were foreigners on board, they refused to go on the ship. The Japanese could not communicate with them in speech, but by means of writing they made them understand that the Corean Ambassadors had travelled in a ship which had foreigners on board, and that therefore they need have no compunction about doing so. The Coreans still refused, alleging that they would run the risk of being killed when they got home, and that they would rather jump into the sea than go on board. It being found quite impossible to overcome their scruples, they were ultimately towed to Nagasaki in boats.

Some Lake Biwa salmon have been shown us the largest by far we have as yet ever seen from there. The two we saw—quite fresh—weighed respectively about five and six pounds, and we saw a slice out of another that we should estimate weighed quite ten. The smallest was apparently in very good condition, but the slice from the largest showed it to be full of roe as large as ordinary peas, and consequently almost unfit for human food. The six-pounder was also showing the reddish colour which all who have dwelt by a salmon river know so well, and the gills, instead of being bloodred, were only a pale reddish brown. Any conscientious public-food inspector would have at once condemned two out of the three. From something we heard when up at Kioto last summer we have reason to believe that within the last few years the demand for this fish has very much increased, and if the Government does not institute some sensible regulations, the supply of fish will rapidly diminish, till it loses all commercial value. As is always the case, in this matter as in others, nature works hand in hand with wise legislation. When the fish are full of spawn they are not only not nutritious, but are absolutely injurious as food, and this is just the very time when, for commercial reasons, the killing of them should be prohibited. We confess we have but little hope that any representations of ours, or indeed of any foreign newspaper, on this or kindred subjects, will meet with any attention just now at the hands of the Government. It has, for one thing, a good deal else to think about just now, and even had it not, it has so resolutely refused hitherto to interdict the systematic slaughter of wild animals on land that we can hope for but small attention to the case of wild animals in the water. The course of events will probably be much the same in this matter as it has been elsewhere. Indiscriminate and ignorant slaughter will be permitted till the goose that laid the golden eggs is at the last gasp, and then all the legal doctors in the kingdom will be called in to quarrel about the best means of restoring her to productiveness. In coming fresh to the study of civilisation at at this late date of the world's history Japan has a great opportunity of avoiding the mistakes which her teachers in their earlier ignorance made. Hitherto we cannot say that she has given much evidence of any particular capability of so improving her opportunity, and we suppose it is about as wise to expect it as that a child should know what fire means till it has burned itself. Still, we should think that some of the professors in the Japanese service at Tokio might find it within their province to bring the matter before the authorities, as an economic one in connection with the food supply of the people.—*Hiogo News.*

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes steamship *Irawaddy*, Captain Gauvain, from Marseilles on the 4th ultimo, Naples 6th, Port Said 10th, Suez 12th, Aden 17th, Galle 28th, Singapore 4th instant, and Saigon 9th, bringing the London mail of the 2nd ultimo, arrived here yesterday afternoon. The following telegrams are taken from the *Straits Times Extra*:—

PESHAWUR, 10th November.

2,100 infantry, 6 guns, and some cavalry, under General Keyes, entered the Jowaki Country yesterday in three columns from Shadipore, Gambat and Kohat. The Peshawur garrison holds Cherat. General Mackeson holds the plains below Nassakhel. We hold the inner blockade line, until the enemy surrenders unconditionally, and agrees to a heavy fine, compensation for past damage, surrenders all English manufactured arms, agrees to the construction of a military road through the country, and surrenders the headmen most active against us, and the leaders in the night attack on the camp at Shahkot, also the destruction of all fortified towers.

PESHAWUR, 11th November.

Paiyah has been occupied, three British soldiers wounded. The enemy's loss is six killed, four wounded, and three prisoners.

ALLAHABAD, 11th November.

The Turkish Envoy left for Bombay to-day.

PARIS, 15th November.

After an animated debate, the Chamber of Deputies have approved an inquiry into electoral abuses by 320 votes against 203. The Duke de Broglie and M. Gambetta both spoke at some length during the debate.

LONDON, 16th November.

The Russians have commenced besieging Erzeroum, and have also established a Russian administration in the province of Erzeroum. Azizie was captured by the Russians on the 14th instant, but they were afterwards expelled from the place by the Turks at the point of the bayonet.

PARIS, 16th November.

The French Ministry tendered its resignation to-day, which was accepted by Marshal MacMahon, who, however, requested the Cabinet to retain office *provisionally*. Moderate Constitutionalists have been summoned by the Marshal-President to form a new Ministry.

LONDON, 17th November.

According to a Russian official despatch from Plevna, the Turks on the night of the 15th inst. attacked the positions held by General Skobeleff, to the east of the city, three times, but each case the attack was unsuccessful. Rainy weather prevails throughout Bulgaria at present, and much interferes with the operations of the combatants. Advices from Armenia state that snowy weather has set in at Kars.

LONDON, 18th November.

General Gourko has been slightly wounded. Suleiman Pasha is actively reconnoitring. The Turkish troops have taken Berokovtcha from which place they expelled the Russians. A Turkish force has defeated three Russian cavalry regiments at Salonika.

LONDON, 19th November.

According to a Russian official despatch from the seat of war in Armenia, the Russian troops, after severe fighting from eight o'clock on the evening of the 17th until eight o'clock on the morning of the 18th, carried Kars by assault.

LONDON, 19th November.

To-day's London papers, in discussing the fall of Kars, regard it as a most serious blow for Turkey.

PARIS, 19th November.

The French Senate has adopted a Conservative motion for inquiry into electoral abuses by 151 against 129 votes.

LONDON, 20th November.

The Russian official despatch stating that Kars has been carried by assault after desperate fighting is confirmed. The Russians captured 7,000 prisoners and 300 guns. The Russian cavalry prevented part of the garrison escaping to Olti. The *Daily News* states that the total Turkish loss in killed, wounded and prisoners is 15,000. General Melikoff entered Kars yesterday morning. Advices from the seat of war in Bulgaria state that the Russians on the 16th attacked the Turkish positions at Orchanie, but were defeated with very heavy loss.

LONDON, 20th November.

Suleiman Pasha has resumed the offensive along the Kara Lom.

PARIS, 20th November.

The French *Journal Officiel* announces that the Ministry has resigned, but that they will retain office pending the appointment of their successors. The vote of the Senate respecting the electoral inquiry is creating a serious conflict between the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

LONDON, 21st November.

According to a Russian official despatch the Russian loss in capturing Kars was 2,500 men. The Russians have summoned the garrison of Erzeroum to surrender. The Sultan has sent orders to the garrison to resist to the last extremity.

PARIS, 21st November.

The *République Française* states that the Republicans will not vote the budget until a Republican Ministry has been formed.

LONDON, 22nd November.

According to a Turkish official despatch, the Turks, on the 19th instant, made a reconnaissance between the rivers Lom and Jantra and inflicted a heavy loss on the enemy, besides burning Pyrgos.

ADEN, 22nd November.

The *Travancore*, with the English mails of the 9th instant, sailed hence for Bombay at seven this morning. The *Malwa* for Galle and Calcutta left at the same time.

PARIS, 22nd November.

Marshal MacMahon still experiences great difficulty in forming a new cabinet. It is rumoured that a reactionary movement has set in, favouring M. Batbie as President of the Council of Ministers.

LONDON, 23rd November.

A Russian division will remain to garrison Kars, whilst General Melikoff, with the remainder of Russian troops, is marching against Erzeroum.

LONDON, 23rd November.

The Russian press, discussing the future peace conditions, propose a cession of the Turkish Fleet and a joint Russo-Turkish command of the passage of the Dardanelles, excluding other nations.

PARIS, 23rd November.

Marshal MacMahon has succeeded in forming a Conservative Ministry, the members of which are unknown men. General Rochebouet is appointed Minister of War and President of the Council of Ministers.

LONDON, 24th November.

Count Andrassy, in reply to an inquiry from the Turkish ambassador at Vienna, has informed him that the moment for the mediation of the Powers has not yet arrived. According to a Russian official despatch, the Turkish troops, in the night of the 21st instant, attacked the Russian batteries on Fort Nicholas in the Schipka Pass, but were defeated and compelled to fall back. A Turkish official despatch states that the Russian cavalry near Orchanie have been defeated with great loss.

PARIS, 25th November.

The French Ministry have made a resolute statement, urging the withdrawal of political questions, and that attention be directed towards commercial interests. The Chamber of Deputies have adopted a resolution, by 323 votes against 208, refusing to enter into any relations with the Ministry.

LONDON, 25th November.

An Imperial irade has been published by the Sultan, levying 150,000 men, including Christians, as civic guards to maintain order in Constantinople and the provinces, during the absence of the regular troops. A Roumanian army corps has been formed to besiege Widdin.

An interesting feature of the dog show to the people about town (says the San Francisco correspondent of the *Shanghai Courier*) is the presence of two dogs, Bummer and Lazarus, who died some time since, but have been stuffed to a striking resemblance to life by the cunning naturalist. These dogs belonged to no one know where. They travelled always together and patronised the free lunch counters with the assiduity of old topers, but with this reserve that they never trespassed too frequently upon the hospitality of any one counter. Lazarus was missed one day, but Bummer carried his dinner to him and continued to do so throughout his illness. When one day Lazarus could eat no dinner and laid down and died. Bummer broke his heart and laid down beside him and died too. And this, every one thought, was the end of Bummer and Lazarus; until it was discovered at the dog show that some philanthropist had had them stuffed and revived the memory of them for the sake of their brotherly love.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

OPIUM.

THURSDAY, 13th December.

Sales only of select chests of Patna to-day at $647½. In other kinds nothing reported.

EXPORT CARGO.

Per steamer *Peiho*, for Continent and London:—

For Continent 3,498 bales Silk, 195 bales Waste Silk, 77 bales Cocoons, 11 cases Silks, 940 pkgs. Sundries. For London 864 bales Silk, 724 half-chests Tea, 39 cases Silks, 3 cases Treasure ($23,000) and 196 pkgs. Sundries.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/10⅞
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ... 3/11
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight .. 3/11⅛
Credits, at 6 months' sight 3/11¼
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4/0
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, sight 224
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, sight 224
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, sight 72⅞
Private, 30 days' sight 73¼

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—57 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—$1,100 per share.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$2,850 per share.
Yangtsze Insurance Association—Tls. 650 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—$260 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$685 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$175 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—4 per cent. discount.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—16 per cent. discount.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 26 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$75 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—$58 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan—£104. Ex. 4s. 1½d.

SALES ON DECEMBER 12TH, AS REPORTED BY CHINESE.

Almonds—15 bags, at $24.00, by Kwong-wo-cheung to travelling trader.
Red Dates—50 bags, at $4.30, by Kwong-wo-cheung to travelling trader.
Dried Lily Flowers—30 bags, at $8.80, by Kwong-wo-cheung to travelling trader.
Fungus—10 bags, at $39.00, by Kwong-wo-cheung to travelling trader.
Cuttlefish—100 bags, at $14.30, by Kwong-fook-wo to travelling trader.
White Wax—8 pieces, at $61.00, by Kwong-fook-wo to travelling trader.
Mushrooms—10 cases, at $47.50, by Kwong-yue-chong to travelling trader.
Vermicelli—100 bags, at $3.40, by Kwong-sang-tai to travelling trader.

13TH DECEMBER.

Dried Lily Flowers—50 bags, at $8.30, by Yee-tai to travelling trader.
Shanghai Cotton—10 bags, at $16.20, by Chun-chong to travelling trader.
Red Dates—50 bags, at $4.26, by Chun-chong to travelling trader.
White Wax—2 pieces, at $60.00, by Hing-tai to travelling trader.
Lung Ngan Pulp—35 packages, at $11.00, by Shing-chong to travelling trader.
Animal Tallow—20 packages, at $9.00, by Shing-chong to travelling trader.
Black Peas—1,000 piculs, at $1.99, by Fook-mow-loong to travelling trader.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(FROM MESSRS. FALCONER & CO.'S REGISTER.)

December 13th.

Barometer—9 A.M.	30.100
Barometer—1 P.M.	30.068
Barometer—4 P.M.	30.010
Thermometer—9 A.M.	74
Thermometer—1 P.M.	75
Thermometer—4 P.M.	77
Thermometer—9 A.M. (Wet bulb)	73½
Thermometer—1 P.M. (Wet bulb)	74
Thermometer—4 P.M. (Wet bulb)	75
Thermometer—Maximum	77½
Thermometer—Minimum (over night)	71½

INSURANCES.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT INSURANCES to the extent of $65,000, on first-class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [64

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES AGAINST FIRE to the extent of 45,000 Dollars on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, at Current Local Rates, subject to a Discount of 20 °/o on the premia.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January, 1876. [81

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $50,000 on First-class Risks.

A Discount of Twenty per cent. (20 °/o) upon the Current Local Rates of Premia will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Office.

T. G. LINSTEAD, Agent, Sun Fire Office.

Hongkong, 4th October, 1876. [79

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, 17th April, 1873. [80

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate discount of 20 °/o.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premia for LIFE INSURANCE in China.

A. MACG. HEATON,

Hongkong, 27th September, 1875. [75

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER AND SPECIAL ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL—£2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual rates, subject to a discount of Twenty per cent. (20 °/o).

GILMAN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1874. [76

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20 °/o) upon the current local rate of Premia will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th June, 1872. [68

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1868. [71

THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company call SPECIAL ATTENTION OF SHIPPERS to the low rates of Premium charged for all steamer risks, besides which a Brokerage of THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. (33⅓ °/o) will be allowed on risks to ports in China, Japan, the Philippines, and the Straits. On risks to all other ports the Brokerage will be FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 °/o) only.

SIEMSSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1874. [78

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $60,000 on any one

FIRST-CLASS RISK,

at Current Rates.

A RETURN OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20 °/o) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1874. [74

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20 °/o allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. [73

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE RISKS.

Policies at Current Rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal ports of India, Australia, and the East.

A BROKERAGE OF THIRTY-THREE and ONE-THIRD PER CENT. will be allowed on all LOCAL RISKS.

FIRE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of $20,000.

A DISCOUNT OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20 °/o) upon the Current Local Rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of Policy.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1874. [69

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 400,000; EQUAL TO $555,555.55.

DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, of the Lai Hing Firm.
CHAN SHUNG LAI, of the Lai Yuen Firm.
WONG YIK PUN, of the Chun Cheong Wing Hong.
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Firm.
FONG SOEY FUNG, of the Tung Sang Wo Hong.
WONG PAK CHEONG, of the San Tye Lee Hong.
PUN FONG, of the Wy Sing Firm.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on Goods, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to Australia, California, Manila, Singapore, Saigon, Penang, and to all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan.

Head Office, 48, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1877. [1331

INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877,

Authorised by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd day of the 9th Moon, of the III. Year of KWONG-SU (8th October, 1877).

£1,604,276. 0. 10 STOCK, IN BONDS OF £100 EACH,

Bearing Interest from 31st December, 1877, the First Coupon of £1. 6. 8 being payable on 28th February, 1878, and Coupons of £4 being payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the last Coupons of £2. 6. 8 will be payable.

THE BONDS ARE REDEEMABLE AT PAR WITHIN SEVEN YEARS (1884) BY HALF-YEARLY DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LONDON, HONGKONG, AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

The HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 31, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276. 0. 10 of 8 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of £98 per cent., payable as follows:—

£10 PER CENT. ON APPLICATION.
£40 PER CENT. ON ALLOTMENT.
£48 PER CENT. 15 DAYS AFTER ALLOTMENT.

£98

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of £8 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 28th February and 31st August at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for £1.6.8 for interest from 31st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878, will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £4 will be payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final Coupon of £2 6 8 will be payable.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within Seven Years (1884) by Thirteen Half-yearly Drawings of £114,600 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,476.0.10, being paid off on 14th June, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 31st August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorised by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Pekin, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghai dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, and Hankow—the four Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs' Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs' Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £3,560,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs' Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs' Duties.

The Customs' Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorising the Loan may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications in the annexed form, accompanied by a deposit of £10 per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 31, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and Manila will be received and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is alloted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due on allotment.

Scrip Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when ready, will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877, FOR £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.......

TO THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £.............. of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated .... upon which I have paid the Deposit of .... pounds, being at the rate of £10 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length..............
Address..............
Occupation..............

Date.............., 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877, FOR £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.......

Received this .... day of ...., 1877, from .... the sum of .... pounds, being a Deposit made on application for £.............. of Bonds of the above Loan.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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£..............

With reference to the foregoing Prospectus, APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the undersigned until the 15th of DECEMBER NEXT, on which Date the allotments will be made, and the final instalment of 48 per cent will be PAYABLE on the 31st of December, 1877. Exchange on Applications received in Hongkong will be calculated at the rate of 4s. per Dollar.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Agents issuing the Loan.

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1877.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, via Suez Canal	Sarpedon			Butterfield & Swire	On or about 12th inst.
LONDON	Kate Carnie	James Wilson	Hongkong	Meyer & Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON	Sydenham	A. Millar	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	To-morrow.
HAMBURG AND LONDON	Oneida	S. Clymn	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
HAMBURG	Golden Russett	Richardson	Hongkong	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Isles of the South	Dennett	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Colorado	Ingraham	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	T. A. Goddard	A. F. Smith	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK	Morro Castle	Jewett	Hongkong	Olyphant & Co.	Quick despatch.
SAN FRANCISCO, via Y'HAMA	City of Tokio (str.)		Hongkong	P. M. S. S. Co.	On 22nd inst., at noon.
SAN FRANCISCO, via Y'HAMA	Gaelic (str.)			O. & O. S. Co.	On 4th prox., at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO	Cilurnum	Shrewsbury	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	On or before 10th prox.
SAN FRANCISCO	Cilurnum	Shrewsbury	Hongkong	Wieler & Co.	Quick despatch.
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY	Angele	Barbeyron	Hongkong	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY	Sea Belle	Ross	Hongkong	Hop Kee & Co.	Quick despatch.
COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY	Ocean (str.)	J. C. Jaques	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	On or about 26th inst.
DUNEDIN (N. Z.)	Marie	Burmeister	Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick despatch.
HONOLULU	Charter Oak	Staples	Hongkong	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA AND SAMARANG	Gustav & Marie		Hongkong	Brandaõ & Co.	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, &c.	Normanby (str.)			Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
SAIGON	Marcia (str.)		Hongkong	Soey Shing	To-morrow.
SINGAPORE, BOMBAY, &c.	Thibet (str.)	Torbook		P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst., at noon.
ILOILO	Hieronimus	Kock	Hongkong	Remedios & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
MANILA	Esmeralda (str.)	Theband	Hongkong	J. Y. V. Shaw	To-day, at noon.
MANILA	Union	Mericaechavaria	Hongkong	Remedios & Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA	Malacca (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA	Volga (str.)	Rolland	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
SWATOW AND SHANGHAI	Amoy (str.)	G. H. Drewes	Hongkong	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Iraouaddy (str.)	Gauvain	Hongkong	Messageries Maritimes	On 16th inst., daylight.
SHANGHAI	Geelong (str.)			P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI	Patroclus (str.)			Butterfield & Swire	On or about 21st inst.

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SAYLE AND CO.

Having completed arrangements for AUTUMN AND WINTER TRADE, we beg to inform our Customers and the Public that we are showing an ENTIRELY NEW and MOST EXTENSIVE STOCK.

We have recently added to our Premises a NEW MILLINERY SHOW-ROOM, in which is displayed every leading NOVELTY.

Owing to the serious depression in the Home Markets we have bought, for Cash, an immense Stock of Silks on most advantageous terms; we are now offering SILKS at much LOWER PRICES than usual.

BLACK SILKS,
Wear Guaranteed, from 65 Cents per Yard.
COLOURED SILKS,
every New Shade.
FANCY SILKS,
STRIPES and CHECKS.
JAPANESE POPLINS,
from 20 Cents per Yard.
TRIMMING SILKS AND SATINS.
BRIDAL SILKS.
BRIDAL SATINS.
BLACK & COLOURED SILK VELVETS,
unusually Cheap.
BLACK AND COLOURED VELVETEENS.
A very large Stock of various
WINTER DRESS GOODS,
certainly the Best and Cheapest Goods ever introduced.
All the New and Useful Colours in
ALL WOOL SERGES.
BLACK AND COLOURED FRENCH
CASHMERES AND MERINOS.
ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS,
Single and Double Width.

Our Dress Department is better assorted, and Prices are lower than at any time in the past.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S CLOTH and other Seasonable JACKETS and MANTLES. GREAT NOVELTIES are shown in this Department.

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Various FASHIONABLE FUR TRIMMINGS.
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WOOL SHAWLS, "The Excelsior," of Superior Quality and Great Warmth, at $3.50 each.
KNITTED WOOL SHAWLS, CAPES, SCARVES, AND CLOUDS.
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Better and Cheaper than ever.
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Hongkong, 18th September, 1877. [1419

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Hongkong, 3rd December, 1877. [1781

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1877. [1754

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1877. [1736

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For further Particulars, apply to ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1877.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1877.

NOTICE.

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H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1877.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 3rd January. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day. All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

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G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1877.

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For Iloilo.—Per brig *Hieronimus*, to-day, the 14th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Bangkok.—Per sailing ship, to-day, the 14th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Yokohama.—Per *Volga*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Iraouaddy*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30 P.M., with 18 cents late fee.

For Saigon.—Per *Marcia*, to-morrow, the 15th instant, at 5 P.M.

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The English Contract Packet "THIBET" will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

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5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.
6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.
THURSDAY, 20th instant,
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.
10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage, until
11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.
11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *viâ Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra-postage, until
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11.30 A.M. Post Office closes.
11.30 A.M. Correspondence for Japan, the United States, or Union Countries only may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 12 cents extra Postage, until
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Aspinwall, Panama *	18	4	6
Bahamas, Danish West Indies, Hayti *	14	4	6
Hawaiian Kingdom *	16	4	8
Mexico *	20	4	6
Newfoundland (Registration 12 Cents) *	16	4	6
Peru, Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador (Registration 12 Cents) *	30	6	14
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The French Contract Packet "DJEMNAH" will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, *via* Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to East Africa, St. Helena, and Ascension.

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5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.
THURSDAY, 27th instant,
7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

REGISTRATION TO BANGKOK.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Prepayment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden, is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

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British ship HAWKESBURY, 1,175 tons, Manila to New York, private terms.
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British bark PARACCA, 464 tons, Manila to London or Liverpool, private terms.
British steamer MARCIA, 1,060 tons, monthly charter four or six months, $7,500 per month.
British bark MANGERTON, 330 tons, hence to Quinhon and back, 20 cents per picul, 35 lay days.
British brig VICTORY, 255 tons, hence to Bangkok, $320 in full.
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EXTRACTS.

PAT'S APPEAL.

"My visit to Ireland will be purely private and personal."—Letter of Mr. Gladstone.

And is it yourself that would thry it?
Ah, shure no! It was niver your choice
To see the ould land—thin deny it
The foine sound of your iloquent voice!

For they say you've a rare power o' spakin',
That your mouth isn't aisy to shut,—
That, 'side you, Parnell's paltry and snakin',—
That ye'd make smithereens of ould Butt!

Ah! shure if ye're half sich a cratur,
And thim boys have described you aright,—
Your spakin must be a nate fatur—
Fit to plase as as much as a foight!

But we've heard that you're going to Killarney,
—Here and there—jist to see for yourself!
'Tisn't thrue now! Come, none of your blarney!
No, you don't mane to stay on the shelf.

For shure aren't we willin to greet ye?
Do we see ye now ivery day?
Come—when boys are so sthrivin to meet ye,
Why, bedad, you'll find something to say!

So dhrop all them Aftern suggestions;
Give yourself tow an illigant rest;
And there's plinty and plinty o' questions
Jist as burnin and hot in the West!

Thin give us a nod to imply it,
Jist to say it was niver your choice
To see the ould land—thin deny it
The foine sound of your iloquent voice!

—*Punch.*

PADDY AT A KAFFIRLAND FAIR.

In another part of the market there seemed to be a tendency to riot. Either bargaining was more hotly carried on there, or spirits of a pugnacious tendency were congregated. Among them was a tall powerful Kafir, who had been evidently treated to a glass of something stronger than water. He was not tipsy he was only elevated, but the elevation roused his ire to such an extent that he began to boast loudly that he coud fight any one, and flourished his sticks or kerries in a defiant manner. Kafirs always fight with two sticks, one to hit with, the other to guard. A trader from the Green Isle chanced to pass this man, and to be jostled by him. Every one knows of the world's opinion of the Irishman's love for fighting. Pat became nettled, "Arrah!" says he "yer mighty fond o' swaggering, but I'll tache you manners you black baste! Come on!" The big Kafir came on at once and made a blow at Pat's head with his knob-kerrie that would have ended the fight at once if it had taken effect, but the Irishman, well trained in the art, guarded it neatly, and returned with a blow so swift and vigorous that it fell on the pate of the savage like a flail. As well might Pat have hit a rock. If there is a strong point about a black man, it is his head. The Irishman knew this, but had forgotten it in the first flush of combat. He became wiser. Meanwhile a crowd of excited traders and Kafirs gathered round the combatants and backed them. The Kafir made another wild swoop at his enemy's skull, but the blow was easily turned aside. Pat returned with a feint at his foe's head, but came down with terrible force on the inside of his right knee. The Kafir dropped his sticks, seized his knee with both hands, stood on one leg, and howled in agony. Scorning to strike a defenceless foe, Paddy gave him a dab on the already flat nose, by way of reminding him that he was off his guard. The Kafir took the hint, caught up his sticks and sprang at his opponent with the yell of a hyena, whirling aloft both sticks at once. The Irishman had to leap aside, and, as he did so, drew from the Kafir a shriek of a pain by hitting him on the left shin, adding to the effect immediately by a whack under the right eye that might have finished an average ox. The Kafir fell, more however, because of the pain of the double blow, than because of its force, for he rolled about bellowing for a few seconds. Then, jumping up, he renewed the fight. There is no saying how long it might have lasted had not a party of troops chanced to pass just then, who separated the combatants and dispersed the crowd.—*"The Settler and the Savage," by R. M. Ballantyne.*

FRENCH FAMILY LIFE.

French women are in general devoted mothers, seldom leaving their children, and expending upon them what the poet calls "the strong necessity of loving," to which many of the marriages formerly gave little aliment. Amongst them is many a mute inglorius Sévigne, who lacked not Sévigne's feelings for her daughter, exaggerated as they may seem to us, but only the power of expressing them. Their time is much more their own in the day than with us, because morning visiting does not exist. None but a sister or an intimate is admitted before the evening, which is considered the time for society; they were therefore free to attend to their favourite pursuits and studies, or to their children's education. They did not formerly, as we do, and they do now, go to the sea-side, travel, pay country visits. The great families had magnificent chateaux; but these had mostly been *saccagé* at the Revolution, and there were no means to refurnish them; some were very far off, and a journey to Touraine or Provence, before the days of railways, was too heavy an expense. They often preferred leaving them unoccupied, and if rich enough, had villas on the beautiful hills of St. Germain, or Meudon, or even nearer Paris, where within a walk from the Champs Elysées were some charming country houses, with farms and green fields, now covered with streets and shops. In one of these beautiful residences, Le Val, in the Forêt de St. Germain, belonging to the old Princess de Poix, I passed many never-to-be-forgotten days. The family consisted of the blind grandmother, looking like a Rembrandt stepped out of its frame, and her two sons, the eldest a widower with an only child; she herself a widow after a year's marriage, her young husband buried under the snows of the Russian retreat. Celebrated over Europe for her wit and charm, she refused the most brilliant offers of marriage to devote herself to her father and her only child, a daughter. The second son, one of those rare characters of unostentatious piety, living but for the good he could do in this world of suffering, entirely occupied with social questions on the improvement of the lower classes, to which he devoted his life, the best of sons, of fathers, of husbands. His wife, a Talleyrand, holding by her birth not more than by her kindness and virtues a position which led even the Great Emperor to press her acceptance of the post of Grande Maitresse to Marie Louise, and caused her to take the same post with the young Duchesse de Berri at the Restoration, which she retained in society as long as she lived. Their mantle descended on the four bright handsome children, with whom we roamed the beautiful forest. The eldest son took a prominent part in political and utilitarian life in his own province. The second was well known as a diplomat in England. To name the daughter, Mrs. S. Standish, is but to recall virtues, charms, and talents celebrated in the literary and social world of her own and her adopted country. A family of perfect affection, of unpretending goodness, whom to know was to love. It is of such as these (and they were not so unique in that society) that we loftily shrug our insular shoulders, and thank Heaven we are not as these foreigners are.—*Lady Cadogan, in Macmillan's Magazine.*

A RANGOON ROMANCE.

Some few months ago the wife of the head of one of the leading mercantile firms in Rangoon lost from her room some valuable rings. Suspicion fell on two persons of her household—the one a native ayah, the other a young Englishwoman who was acting as a sort of superior lady's maid. The police were communicated with, the effects of both were thoroughly searched; but nothing could be discovered, and it ended in the ayah obtaining gratuitous accommodation in the local jail, while the lady's maid waxed plaintive about the indignity she had been subjected to. As she was young and nice looking, she met with a good deal of sympathy, and the gay cavaliers of the Row in their evening exercitation used to bestow upon her glances which contained as large an amount of condolence and devotion as they thought could be sustained by any reasonable female. Meanwhile the ayah was clamorous from her confinement, and the police were as usual perplexed. When the excitement had somewhat subsided, it happened that a soldier's wife, who was attending as nurse at the house, mentioned, in the presence of Miss S——, the lady's maid, that a friend of hers was shortly leaving for England, and Miss S—— entrusted her with a small parcel for transmission. The woman was told that it contained nothing but a shoe for a pattern, and without any suspicion as to actual truth, opened the parcel to examine the article with ill-advised but natural curiosity. She found a shoe, indeed, but inside the shoe was a small piece of paper, and wrapped up in the paper were two diamond rings! Of course she got alarmed at her discovery, but did about the best thing she could have done, and went and told the whole story to a friend of the family, whom I may designate as Mr. M——. The latter, in restoring the property to the owner's husband, made two stipulations: one, that the girl should be sent safely home, the other that the affair should be kept entirely secret till she had started. He then found an opportunity of meeting Miss S—— privately, and taxed her with the theft, and as sufficient answer to her fearful protestations, showed her the rings, and told her where they had been discovered. The delinquent was easily induced to show where the remaining jewels had been secreted under her bath; but, unfortunately, as Mr. M—— was leaving the compound in triumph at his successful diplomacy, he was met by the lady of the house herself, who at once suspected the truth. Of course she felt no scruple about divulging it, and the news flew like lightning round the cantonment till it reached the ear of a high police official. By this time Miss S—— had been already conveyed on board the steamer, which was to start the following morning. The high police official ascertained the fact, and at once issued orders for her arrest. Fortunately, Mr. M—— had never slackened his vigilance; and, getting information of the orders, drove quickly down to the steamer, and removed the girl to a friend's house before the constables had time to arrive. It then became a duel between Mr. M—— and the provincial police, and there can be no doubt he thoroughly relished the situation. First, he managed to put them off the scent by a rumour that Miss S—— intended starting by another steamer, which was sailing about the same time, and induced them to relax their watch on the ship in which her passage had been actually secured. He was thus able to convey her on board the latter the next morning about ten minutes before she weighed anchor, without, as he thought, attracting attention. But on driving slowly back from the wharf, whom should he see coming down the stand road in a dog-cart at a furious pace but a well-known Inspector, about whose mission there could be little doubt. Mr. M—— was a man of resolution, and at once made up his mind. Waiting till the hostile trap was nearly abreast, by a sudden dexterous movement he managed to lock wheels, and a dire collision of course resulted. But the Inspector managed to escape unscathed, and fleeing from his unscrupulous foe, went at a run towards the wharf, leaving his entangled vehicle to its fate. Jumping into a sampan he puished rapidly off to the steamer, and stern justice seemed at length triumphant. Hardly, however, had half the distance been covered when a steam launch came, bearing swiftly down, and half waterlogged the boat by the wash it left behind. Again an advance was attempted, and again the launch returned with its owner, storming indignantly at his path being so impeded. The sampan man was getting alarmed, and the goal seemed as far off as ever. Just as the launch was preparing for a third onset, a short, sharp whistle was heard, and the Inspector gave a despairing groan as the ship moved down the river at full steam, bearing the fair delinquent away from his vengeance. It is to be hoped that her friends will find her a more cheerful abode at home than the residence destined for her at Rangoon.—*Pioneer*, 10th September.

WARMING HIS SLIPPERS.

Few, indeed, if any sights are there in this world more thoroughly contemptible, more pitiful, and more wholly wrong than that of a woman in the act of committing her seventh sin, *i.e.*, "warming his slippers!" Woman, as every woman with a properly regulated mind well knows, is man's better half; should she not therefore, make a point of always behaving as much? Surely, oh, surely! Should she, even for one little moment, forget this great and glorious fact, and lower her most proper dignity, as well as spoil the poor male thing, by performing such a weakly foolish, such a sentimentally silly act as looking after the comfort and well-being of that male thing's feet? Never, no never! For, indeed, the biggest mistake, the wickedest sin of the whole seven sins of woman, is that one which exhibits her as "making much of"—*videlicet*, attending to, or even thinking one little bit about, the "little comforts" of that extremely inferior animal—"that husbands of hers!" It is bad enough, in good truth, for some better halves to be obliged, by the tyrannical law of the country, to have to acknowledge (before company) some wretched male thing to be their husbands; but matters must indeed have come to a truly pretty pass when any better half imagines it incumbent upon her to regard the male thing in such a light as to make tender inquiries after his "poor feet."

Now there surely can be no possible doubt as to the soundness of the precepts inculcated by the above moral remarks. Certainly not. At the same time, I will proceed to demonstrate their soundness more conclusively, and absolutely overpoweringly, by a graphic illustration. Out of the many, many thousands of terrible cases which might illustrate the above-alluded-to soundness, I will take but one; for it, I flatter myself, will be found to be quite conclusive enough, and even more than sufficiently overpowering.

I am going to point my moral by taking the cases of two young ladies, one of whom acted strictly up to the above-given precepts, whilst the other pursued exactly opposite tactics.

Example No. 1 was brought up under the skinny, but highly genteel wing of the Hon. Virginia Verguice, and received on the eve of her wedding that estimable spinster's truly excellent advice respecting the treatment of her husband, and which advice was, indeed, couched in almost the identical words I have used above.

Example No. 2, on the other hand, was brought up by her fond mamma, and on *her* wedding eve was given advice of a totally different character.

"And mark me, Angelina," wound up this most foolish old lady, "if you want to keep your husband at home, study his 'little comforts.' For my own part, I firmly believe all my wedded bliss resulted entirely from my never neglecting to 'warm his slippers;' he knew, poor dear! that, at all events, there was always *something* to come home for."

Now for the results which so effectually prove my "case."

Take example No. 2 first. She is sitting in front of her dining-room fire, looking "a picture of content;" inside the fender are "his slippers," comfortably "warming." A well-known knock comes at the door; a well-known step quickly treads the passage; a well-known voice cries cheerfully, "Five whole minutes late, and so wet and cold!" And then, as the proprietor of the voice gets luxuriously into his toasted slippers, he says, in quite an absurdly foolishly fond manner—"By Jove! Angelina, how is it that you *never* forget them?" And then a glowing face, equally as absurdly foolishly fond, is upturned to him. "Can you not *guess?*" She says, ever so softly, "Does it not serve to make me think of *you?*"

Now for example No. 1. The time is also dinner-time, but our example, sitting in front of her drawing-room fire, looks peevish and miserable. She seems to be listening for a knock at the door which never is coming; and it would appear that this is a frequent practice of hers. The quarter-past seven chimes. Then the half-hour. Then the quarter to eight. Then she pulls the bell with an angry jerk. "You can serve dinner James," she says to the servant. "Your master, I suppose, is dining *again* at the Club!"

But then, as she goes down to her solitary meal, does that reflection in the mantel-glass strike her for what it is? For, is not that the ghost of an unfulfilled happiness looking out upon her with great pitiful eyes? And, oh! what wan spectre of what might have been is that peering out at her so mournfully from a distance now, alas! so far, removed?

What do you say? "Your moral is all wrong again." Really? You don't mean to declare that positively, do you? You do? Very well, then I'll be hanged if I go in for having morals ever any more! And isn't it much easier to be without them? Come, now!

A PATRON OF THE STAGE.

The mayor of a well-know town in Blankshire became the patron of the theatre under Mr. M——y's management, in 1850, and gave a hundred guineas for a box for the season. This liberality did not arise from any particular taste for dramatic literature, or any other kind of literature; but he paid thus handsomely for the box because he was a liberal man, liked going to the play, and his predecessor in office paid the same sum, and he would not be outdone. He attended every night, was always pleased, and very friendly with the manager, till one day Mr. M——y made his appearance in "Hamlet," a play which the mayor had never seen; and when, in the mad scene, Hamlet appears with his dress in disorder, the mayor took offence at the exhibition, and declared to his wife and family, who were in the box with him, his conviction that the actor was drunk, and he would have no such doings if he could help it. So, accordingly, he went round to the stage, and waited at the side till the end of the scene, when he thus addressed the tragedian: "Mr. M——y, till to-night I always looked upon you as a respectable man, and now I see you are given to drink, for no sober man would go before a respectable audience with his shirtfrill hanging about like that, and his stockings down. Why, you ought to be ashamed of yourself." The tragedian, astonished at the ignorance of his patron, said, "My dear sir, you are quite mistaken, I assure you. I only adhere to the author's instructions in respect to the disordered dress, to show ——" "Who wrote this play?" demanded the mayor. "Good gracious!" exclaimed M——y, "don't you know Shakespeare wrote it?" "I can't say that I do," replied the mayor; "but I will take care that he writes no more for this house as long as I have anything to do with it, and so you may tell him."

DEATH OF THOMAS BECKET.

The archbishop was on the fourth step beyond the central pillar ascending into the choir when the knights came in. The outline of his figure may have been just visible to them, if light fell upon it from candles in the lady chapel. Fitzurse passed to the right of the pillar, De Morville, Tracy, and Le Breton to the left. Robert de Broc and Hugh Mauclerc, another apostate priest, remained at the door by which they entered. A voice cried "Where is the traitor? Where is Thomas Becket?" There was silence; such a name could not be acknowledged. "Where is the archbishop?" Fitzurse shouted. "I am here," the archbishop replied, descending the steps, and meeting the knights full in the face. "What do you want with me? I am not afraid of your swords. I will not do what is unjust." The knights closed round him. "Absolve the persons whom you have excommunicated," they said, "and take off the suspensions." "They have made no satisfaction," he answered; "I will not." "Then you shall die as you have deserved," they said. They had not meant to kill him—certainly not at that time and in that place. One of them touched him on the shoulder with the flat of his sword, and hissed in his ears, "Fly, or you are a dead man!" There was still time; with a few steps he would have been lost in the gloom of the cathedral, and could have concealed himself in any one of a hundred hiding-places. But he was carless of life, and he felt that his time was come. "I am ready to die," he said. "May the Church through my blood obtain peace and liberty! I charge you in the name of God that you hurt no one here but me." The people from the town were now pouring into the cathedral; De Morville was keeping them back with difficulty at the head of the steps from the choir, and there was danger of a rescue. Fitzurse seized him, meaning to drag him off as a prisoner. He had been calm so far; his pride rose at the indignity of an arrest. "Touch me not, thou abominable wretch!" he said, wrenching his cloak out of Fitzurse's grasp. "Off, thou pander, thou!" Le Breton and Fitzurse grasped him again, and tried to force him upon Tracy's back. He grappled with Tracy and flung him to the ground, and then stood with his back against the pillar, Edward Grim supporting him. Fitzurse, stung by the foul epithet which Becket had thrown at him, swept his sword over him and dashed off his cap. Tracy, rising from the pavement, struck direct at his head. Grim raised his arm and caught the blow. The arm fell broken, and the one friend found faithful sank back disabled against the wall. The sword, with its remaining force, wounded the archbishop above the forehead, and the blood trickled down his face. Standing firmly, with his hands clasped, he bent his neck for the death-stroke, saying in a low voice, "I am prepared to die for Christ and for His Church." These were his last words. Tracy again struck him. He fell forward upon his knees and hands. In that position Le Breton dealt him a blow which severed the scalp from the head and broke the sword against the stone, saying, "Take that for my Lord William." De Broc or Mauclerc—the needless ferocity was attributed to both of them—strode forward from the cloister door, set his foot on the neck of the dead lion, and spread the brains upon the pavement with his sword's point. "We may go," he said; "the traitor is dead, and will trouble us no more."—*J. A. Froude in "The Nineteenth Century."*

HONGKONG MARKETS.

As Reported by Chinese on the 13th Dec., 1877.

COTTON GOODS.

American Drills, 30 yards, per piece	$2.65 to 2.70
American Drills, 15lbs., per piece	$3.50 to 3.60
Cotton Yarn, No. 16 to 24, per 400 lbs.	$94.00 to 101.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 28 to 32, per 400 lbs.	$98.50 to 105.00
Cotton Yarn, No. 38 to 42, per 400 lbs.	$100.00 to 115.00
Cotton Yarn, Bombay	$83.00 to 84.00
Chintz, per piece	$1.70 to 1.75
Dyed Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$3.60 to 3.85
Dyed Brocades Shirtings, per piece	$3.55 to 3.70
Dyed Damask Shirtings, per piece	$5.50 to 5.65
English Drills, 30 yards, per piece	$2.10 to 2.15
English Drills, 14 lbs., per piece	$2.30 to 2.40
English Drills, 15 lbs., per piece	$2.50 to 2.60
Grey Shirtings, 7 lbs., per piece	$1.45 to 1.70
Grey Shirtings, 8 lbs., per piece	$1.65 to 1.70
Grey Shirtings, 8½ lbs., per piece	$1.75 to 2.45
Grey Shirtings, 9 lbs., per piece	$2.55 to 2.58
Grey Shirtings, 10 lbs., per piece	$2.70 to 3.15
GreyT-Cloths, 24yds. & 32in. 6lbs. p. pc.	$1.15 to 1.30
GreyT-Cloths, 24yds. & 32in. 7lbs. p. pc.	$1.40 to 1.70
GreyT-Cloths, 24yds 36in 8lbs. XO p. pc.	$1.90 to 1.95
GreyT-Cloths, 24yds 36in 8lbs. QL p. pc.	$1.85 to 1.90
GreyT-Cloths, 24yds 36in 8lbs. XX p. pc.	$2.50 to 2.55
Handkerchiefs, Blue, per dozen	$0.00 to 0.65
Handkerchiefs, Brown, per dozen	$0.55 to 0.62
Handkerchiefs, Red, per dozen	$0.72 to 0.75
Handkerchiefs, Light Red, per dozen	$0.76 to 0.77
Muslins, White, Plain, 12 yds., per piece	$1.15 to 1.25
Muslins, White, Figured, 24yds. p. piece	$2.05 to 2.25
Turkey Red Shirtings, 2 lbs., per piece	$2.15 to 2.25
Turkey Red Shirtings, 3 lbs., per piece	$2.30 to 2.35
Velvet Black, 32 inches, per yard	$0.18 to 0.19
Velvet, Gentian, 22 inches per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Black, per yard	$0.21 to 0.22
Velveteens, Gentian, per yard	$0.28 to 0.29
White Shirtings, 54 to 60 reed, per piece	$1.95 to 2.10
White Shirtings, 64 to 66 reed, per piece	$2.25 to 2.40
White Shirtings, 68 to 80 reed, per piece	$2.60 to 3.15
White Shirtings, 600 reed, per piece	$3.50 to 3.55
White Shirtings, 7,000 reed, per piece	$3.25 to 3.30
White Shirtings, AA, per piece	$1.65 to 1.70
White Shirtings, EF, per piece	$5.90 to 5.95
White Shirtings, MH, per piece	$4.25 to 4.30
White Shirtings, EI, per piece	$6.10 to 6.15
White Spotted Shirtings, per piece	$2.45 to 2.50
White Brocades, per piece	$2.50 to 2.65

WOOLLEN GOODS.

Blankets, 7 lbs., per pair	$2.70 to 3.00
Blankets, 8 lbs., per pair	$3.00 to 3.05
Blankets, 9 lbs., per pair	$4.40 to 4.50
Blankets, 10 lbs., per pair	$5.20 to 5.30
Blankets, 12 lbs., per pair	$6.10 to 6.20
Camlets, SSS, per piece	$15.30 to 16.00
Camlets, SS, per piece	$16.50 to 17.00
Camlets, S, per piece	$17.00 to 17.20
Camlets, BBB, per piece	$18.50 to 19.00
Camlets, AAA, per piece	$17.00 to 17.20
Camlets, LLL, per piece	$15.50 to 16.00
Long Ells, MM Scarlet, per piece	$8.75 to 8.80
Long Ells, MM Assorted, per piece	$8.75 to 8.80
Long Ells, HH Scarlet, per piece	$8.75 to 8.80
Long Ells, HH Assorted, per piece	$8.75 to 8.80
Long Ells, H Scarlet, per piece	$8.70 to 8.85
Long Ells, H Assorted, per piece	$8.65 to 8.75
Lastings, DD, per piece	$14.80 to 15.00
Spanish Stripes, per yard	$0.74 to 0.75

METALS.

Iron, Nail Rod, per picul	$2.15 to 2.20
Iron, Hoop, per picul	$3.50 to 3.55
Iron, Bar, per picul	$2.60 to 2.75
Iron, Wire, per picul	$6.95 to 7.20
Lead, WB, per picul	$6.70 to 6.75
Lead, LB, per picul	$6.72 to 6.74
Lead, Hole Chop, per picul	$6.72 to 6.74
Quicksilver, English, per picul	$64.00 to 64.50
Quicksilver, American, per picul	$65.00 to 65.50
Steel, English, per tub	$3.60 to 3.75
Steel, Swedish, per tub	$4.20 to 4.45
Sheathing Metal, per picul	$24.00 to 26.00
Spelter, per picul	$7.45 to 7.65
Tin, Malacca, per picul	$20.00 to 20.40
Tin, Plates, per box	$5.45 to 5.50

PRODUCE.

Almonds, per picul	$24.50 to 25.00
Alum, 1st quality, per picul	$1.37 to 1.40
Alum, 2nd quality, per picul	$1.28 to 1.30
Bark, Siam, per picul	$0.83 to 1.10
Bark, Camphor, per picul	$15.20 to 15.40
Beche de Mer, per picul	$30.00 to 55.00
Bees Wax, Japan, White, per picul	$15.60 to 15.80
Bees Wax, Hankow, Yellow, per picul	$47.00 to 48.00
Bees Wax, White, per picul	$59.50 to 60.00
Birds' Nests, 1st quality, per picul	$2,200 to 4,000
Birds' Nests, 2nd quality, per picul	$350 to 550
Birds' Nests, 3rd quality, per picul	$170 to 250
Brimstone, per picul	$2.75 to 2.80
Buffalo Hides, Manila	$12.00 to 15.50
Buffalo Cow Hides	$6.90 to 8.05
Camphor, packed, per picul	$18.70 to 10.50
Camphor, Baroos, clean, per picul	$4,800 to 5,000
Camphor, Refuse, per picul	$2,800 to 3,200
Cardamons, Superior	$137 to 147
Cardamons, Inferior, per picul	$18.50 to 19.00
Cloves, per picul	$42.50 to 43.00
Coals, Afloat, per ton	— to —
Coals, English steam, per ton	$10.75 to 10.15
Coals, Sydney, per ton	$9.50 to —
Coffee, per picul	$22.20 to 24.50
Copper, Sheathing, Japan, per picul	$28.00 to 29.00
Copper, Rod, Japan, per picul	$23.70 to 24.00
Copper, Nails, per picul	$23.50 to 23.80
Cotton, Bombay, per picul	$14.80 to 15.80
Cotton, Calcutta, per picul	$14.80 to 15.80
Cotton, Ningpo, per picul	$17.20 to 18.20
Cotton, Shanghai, per picul	$16.80 to 17.00
Cotton, Shantung, per picul	$16.80 to 17.20
Cotton, Tientsin, per picul	$17.20 to 18.40
Cotton, Tangchow, per picul	$17.50 to 18.20
Cotton Seeds, Saigon	$5.40 to 5.60
Cotton Seeds, Siam	$4.90 to 5.20
Cuttlefish, Japan	$22.00 to 23.00
Cuttlefish, Japan, without bones, p. pl.	$15.50 to 16.50
Cuttlefish, Chauchow, per picul	$27.50 to 29.00
Dates, Black, per picul	Tls. 2.8.5 to 3.3.0
Dates, Red, per picul	Tls. 3.6.5 to 4.1.5
Dried Lily Flowers	$8.60 to 9.60
Elephant's Teeth, 4 to 5 pieces	$250 to 300
Elephant's Teeth, 7 to 8 pieces	$200 to 220
Flour, California, per sack of 50 lbs.	$1.40 to 1.60
Flour, American, per barrel of 100 lbs.	$3.50 to 3.60
Flour, American, per barrel of 200 lbs.	$6.05 to 7.20
Fungus	$39.50 to 40.00
Flints, per picul	$0.50 to 0.65
Ginseng, American, 1st quality, p. picul	$200 to 285
Ginseng, American, 2nd quality, p. picul	$160 to 210
Hams, Ordinary, per picul	Tls. 13.0.0 to 13.5.0
Hams, Superior, per picul	Tls. 21.0.0 to 21.5.0
Hemp, Hankow, per picul	$10.50 to 12.00
Hemp, Siam, per picul	$10.40 to 11.00
Isinglass, Japan, per picul	$36.00 to 45.00
Melon Seeds, 1st quality, per picul	$4.70 to 4.80
Melon Seeds, 2nd quality, per picul	$4.20 to 4.40
Mushrooms, per picul	$48.00 to 53.00
Mussels, Dry Siam large, per picul	$11.50 to 13.00
Mussels, Dry Siam middle, per picul	$8.85 to 9.35
Mussels, Dry Siam small, per picul	$7.95 to 8.25
Peas, White, per picul	$2.60 to 2.83
Peas, Green, per picul	$2.49 to 2.53
Peas, Black, per picul	$2.44 to 2.52
Peas, Yellow, per picul	$2.78 to 2.82
Peas, Green Beans, per picul	$2.76 to 2.78
Pearl Barley, per picul	$6.50 to 7.80
Potatoe Flour, per piculs	Tls. 1.6.0 to 1.6.5
Putchuck, per picul	$13.00 to 14.70
Rhinoceros Horn, per picul	$2,600 to 3,000
Rhinoceros Horn, Mother, per picul	$2,000 to 2,400
Rice, Siam, No. 1, per picul	$2.52 to 2.54
Rice, Siam, No. 2, per picul	$2.42 to 2.44
Rice, Siam, milled No. 1, per picul	$2.45 to 2.47
Rice, Siam, milled No. 2, per picul	$2.32 to 2.30
Rice, Saigon, No. 1, per picul	$2.24 to 2.26
Rice, Saigon, No. 2, per picul	$2.18 to 2.20
Rice, Saigon, No. 3, per picul	$2.12 to 2.14
Saltpetre, per picul	$0.40 to 0.55
Seaweed, Green, per picul	$2.90 to 3.05
Seaweed, Cut, per picul	$4.45 to 4.65
Sesamum, White, per picul	$5.35 to 5.75
Sesamum, Black, per picul	Tls. 3.3.5 to 3.3.8
Sharksfins, per picul	$35.00 to 60.00
Shellfish, Japan, per picul	$27.00 to 39.00
Shellfish, California, per picul	$8.50 to 9.60
Stockfish, per picul	$5.00 to 6.50
Straits Produce, &c.,—	
Betel Nut, per picul	$4.55 to 4.85
Pepper, White, per picul	$13.80 to 14.20
Pepper, Black, per picul	$7.50 to 7.65
Rattan, Straits, per picul	$5.30 to 5.50
Rattans, Bangar, per picul	$4.35 to 4.05
Sandal Wood, Malabar, per picul	$9.30 to 9.35
Sandal Wood, South Seas, per picul	$13.00 to 13.50
Sapan Wood, Manila, per picul	$1.60 to 2.00
Sapan Wood, Siam, per picul	$2.25 to 2.50
Pea Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.1.0 to 6.1.5
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 1, p. pcl.	$6.70 to 6.80
Sugar, Shek-lung, White, No. 2, p. pcl.	$6.10 to 6.30
Sugar, Shek-lung, Brown, per picul	$3.90 to 4.05
Sugar Candy, Shek-lung, per picul	$9.55 to 9.85
Sugar Candy, Foochow, per picul	$9.80 to 10.20
Sugar Candy, Swatow, White, per picul	$6.85 to 7.15
Tea Oil, per picul	$9.00 to 9.20
Vermicelli, Tientsin, per picul	$8.60 to 9.50
Walnuts, per picul	$5.25 to 5.30
Wheat, Tientsin, per picul	$1.80 to 1.90
Wheat, California, per picul	$2.00 to 2.15
Wood Oil, per picul	Tls. 6.5.0 to 6.6.5
Window Glass, per box	$2.97 to 3.00

SHIPPING IN THE CHINA WATERS.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Amoy	Dec. 8	Drewes	Brit. str	814	Siemssen & Co	Shanghai
Atalanta	Nov. 24	Petersen	Ger. str	782	Siemssen & Co	Saigon
Camoes	Oct. 2		Brit. str		Kwok Acheong	Repairing
Chinkiang	Dec. 12	Orr	Brit. str	799	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
City of Tokio	Dec. 1	Maury	Amr. str	5079	P. M. S. S. Co	Y'hama, &c.
Dale	Dec. 13	Thompson	Brit. str	645	D. Lapraik & Co	
Douglas	Dec. 11	Pitman	Brit. str	864	D. Lapraik & Co	East Coast
Esmeralda	Dec. 12	E. Theband	Brit. str	395	J. Y. V. Shaw	
Fame	—	Stopani	Brit. str	116	H. K. & W. Dk. Co	Tug Plying
Ichang	—	D. Martin	Brit. str	700	Butterfield & Swire	
Iraouaddy	Dec. 13	Gauvain	Fren. str	2500	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai
Kien-chew	—	—	Brit. str		Kwok Acheong	
Kinshan	—	A. G. Cary	Brit. str	1050	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	
Kiu-Kiang	—	T. Benning	Brit. str	1061	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	
Marcia	Nov. 30	J. H. Broker	Brit. str	1060	Siemssen & Co	Saigon
Malacca	Dec. 4	Smith	Brit. str	1156	P. & O. S. N. Co	Yokohama
Marivoles	Oct. 18	Munoz	Span. str	202	Remedios & Co	
Nemesis	Nov. 24	McKindy	Brit. str	2000	Olyphant & Co	
Nelson	Dec. 12	T. Staples	Brit. str	894	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Norna	Dec. 13	Walker	Brit. str	606	Kwok Acheong	Swatow
Ocean	Dec. 7	Jaques	Brit. str	971	Russell & Co	Cooktown
Panay	Oct. 31	Gayenechea	Span. str	500	Remedios & Co	
Powan	Dec. 1	A. Benning	Brit. str	1890	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	
Sea Gull	Sept. 19	Roberts	Amr. str	48	Insurance Co	
J. Jeejeebhoy			Brit. str		Kwok Acheong	
Volga	Dec. 11	Rolland	Fren. str	1100	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
White Cloud			Brit. str	352	H.C. & M. Steamboat Co	Repairing
Yesso	Nov. 22	Ashton	Brit. str	560	D. Lapraik & Co	Repairing
Yot-sai	—	D. Browne	Brit. str		Kwok Acheong	
West Stanley	Dec. 4	Runciman	Brit. str	993	Siemssen & Co	Shanghai

SAILING VESSELS.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Ada Wiswell	Nov. 28	Wiswell	Amr. bk	558	Order	
Alexandra	Nov. 27	Elliott	Brit. bk	407	D. Lapraik & Co	
Alphington	Sept. 6	Cunningham	Brit. bk	326	Wieler & Co	For Sale
Angele	Nov. 14	Barbeyron	Fren. bk	391	Carlowitz & Co	Melbourne
Amie Florence	Dec. 8	Johnson	Brit. bk	657	Order	
Annie S. Hall	Dec. 10	Nelson	Amr. bk	455	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	
Annie W. Small	Dec. 4	C. E. Packer	Amr. sh	1053	Russell & Co	
Assens	Nov. 21	Vandel	Dan. bk	256	Ed. Schellhass & Co	
Beethoven	Nov. 25	Haje	Ger. bk	340	Melchers & Co	
B. Pertica	Nov. 16	Tancredi	Ital. bk	366	Thos. Howard & Co	Touron
Birker	Dec. 11	Reynolds	Brit. sh	1008	Order	
Black Prince	Nov. 29	Wm. Inglis	Brit. sh	715	Turner & Co	
Broma	Nov. 21	Timpe	Ger. bk	380	Wieler & Co	
Broomhall	Oct. 26	H. Bate	Brit. sh	1379	Russell & Co	
B. F. Watson	Nov. 25	Hawkins	Amr. bk	993	Captain	
Carmelita & Ida	Dec. 6	Kesels	Ger. bk	438	Ed. Schellhass & Co	
Charter Oak	Oct. 24	Staples	Amr. sh	963	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Honolulu
C. Andrews	Nov. 30	Beattie	Brit. bk	353	Rozario & Co	
Chas. Maurean	Nov. 14	Quatresous	Fren. bk	368	Landstein & Co	
Cilurnum	Sept. 25	Shrewsbury	Brit. sh	1884	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	S. Francisco
Clara	Nov. 7	Chalmers	Brit. sh	937	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Coeran	Sept. 25	Vincent	Amr. sch	150	Chinese Insurance Co	
Colorado	Oct. 15	Ingraham	Amr. sh	1075	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	New York
Coquette	Nov. 7	Lauridson	Ger. bk	281	Ed. Schellhass & Co	Saigon
Cresswell	Oct. 30	G. White	Brit. bk	464	Captain	
C. R. Bishop	Nov. 17	Warnken	Ger. bk	393	Melchers & Co	Phillippines
Echo	Dec. 4	Tozer	Brit. bk	369	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Elise	Nov. 9	Permien	Haw. bg	312	Order	
E. Adolphine	Nov. 26	A. Martin	Fren. bg	204	Carlowitz & Co	
Evening Star	Oct. 19	C. Ashburn	Brit. bk	371	Borneo Co	
Explorador	Dec. 5	Vidal Albert	Span. bg	201	Siemssen & Co	
Fabius	Oct. 25	Stolze	Siam. sh	636	Kien-tye-loong	
F. Brumm	Nov. 26	A. F. Voss	Ger. bk	707	Melchers & Co	
Firth of Tay	Nov. 19	Thompson	Brit. bk	885	Russell & Co	Singapore
Flodden	Nov. 30	A. Fraser	Brit. bk	337	Wieler & Co	
Formosa	Nov. 19	Schweer	Ger. bk	282	Melchers	
Glamorganshire	Dec. 2	McEachern	Brit. bk	450	H. Kiser & Co	
Glenisla	Nov. 17	John Watts	Brit. bk	372	Landstein & Co	
Glory	Nov. 15	Thompson	Siam. bk	450	Tack-mee	
Goliah	Dec. 4	Dentzan	Siam. bk	542	Chinese	
Golden Russet	Nov. 19	Richardson	Brit. bk	408	Wm. Pustau & Co	Hamburg
Great Admiral	Aug. 19	Thompson	Amr. sh	1576	Russell & Co	
Gustav & Marie	Nov. 8	Buhrsch	Ger. sh	354	Brandao & Co	Batavia, &c.
Hermann	Dec. 6	Wm. Pens	Ger. bk	453	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Hieronimus	Nov. 24	T. A. Koch	Brit. bg	232	Remedios & Co	Iloilo
Hieronymus	Dec. 5	Biehl	Ger. bk	425	Wieler & Co	
Ionian	Nov. 24	Cave	Brit. bk	373	Chinese	
Irano	Nov. 21	Hansen	Ger. sch	257	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Isles of South	July 5	Dennett	Brit. sh	820	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	New York
Johanne	Oct. 3	Heroksen	Ger. bk	528	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Jylland	Nov. 25	Laub	Dan. bk	287	Ed. Schellhass & Co	
Kate Carnie	Oct. 20	Wilson	Brit. bk	519	Meyer & Co	London
Kate Waters	Dec. 3	W. F. Giese	Brit. bk	530	Rozario & Co	
Kvik	Dec. 9	Wilkens	Brit. bg	187	Meyer & Co	
Lombardian	Nov. 23	Chapman	Brit. bk	718	Borneo Co	
Lucky	Oct. 21	Sadershorn	Siam. bk	422	Tack-mee	
Malvina	Nov. 26	Kluge	Ger. bk		Wieler & Co	
Maugerton	Sept. 19	Thompson	Brit. bk	330	Wieler & Co	Quinhon
Margrethe	Dec. 4	Thiesen	Ger. bk	358	Wieler & Co	Bangkok
M. Jackson	Dec. 4	Logan	Brit. bk	502	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Marie	Sept. 25	Burmeister	Ger. bk	435	Rozario & Co	Dunedin
Marie Louise	Nov. 25	Guihoux	Fren. bk	425	Carlowitz & Co	
May Queen	Dec. 3	John Prior	Brit. bk	472	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Mignon	Dec. 7	L. H. Soule	Amr. bk	484	Captain	
Mikado	Nov. 13	Hinsch	Ger. bk	330	Wieler & Co	Batavia
Morro Castle	Nov. 21	Jewett	Amr. bk	404	Olyphant & Co	New York
Oneida	Oct. 19	Glynn	Brit. sh	2293	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Hamburg
Orange Grove	Nov. 25	Longmuir	Brit. bk	385	Russell & Co	
Orion	Nov. 20	J. Scott	Brit. bk	310	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Papillon	Nov. 11	Gouin	Fren. bk	458	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Parraca	Dec. 5	Phillips	Brit. bk	404	Yuen-fat Hong	Manila
Peiho	Nov. 14	Christiansen	Ger. bk	250	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Peter	Dec. 3	Holm	Ger. bg	240	Wm. Pustau & Co	
R'dlan Castle	Oct. 19	Richards	Brit. bk	589	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Samos	Nov. 8	Bryant	Amr. sch	395	Russell & Co	New York
Sea Belle	Nov. 9	John Ross	Brit. sch	212	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	Melbourne
Sophie	Dec. 3	H. Bingo	Ger. bg	210	Wieler & Co	
Sophie D.	Dec. 4	Parazols	Fren. bk	758	Landstein & Co	
St. Adresse	Nov. 23	V. Leroy	Fren. bk	622	Carlowitz & Co	S. Francisco
St. Anne	Nov. 26	Radenac	Fren. bk	435	Carlowitz & Co	
Sumatra	Sept. 5	Clough	Amr. sh	1090	Russell & Co	
Sydenham	July 12	Millar	Brit. sh	1063	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co	London
T. A. Goddard	Oct. 23	Smith	Amr. bk	632	Russell & Co	New York
Union	Nov. 21	Echeverri	Span. sch	248	Remedios & Co	Manila
Victory	Nov. 26	Whiting	Brit. bg	255	Chinese	Bangkok
V. de Rivadavia	Dec. 4	Campa	Span. bg	261	Brandao & Co	
V. Macduff	Nov. 11	Wright	Brit. sch	289	Hing-sing-tye	

WHAMPOA.

SAILING VESSELS.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Georgina	Dec. 4	Romney	Brit. bk	314	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Golden Spur	Dec. 2	Farrell	Brit. sh	656	Meyer & Co	

CANTON.

Vessels.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Madagascar	Dec. 10	Timm	Ger. str	184	Siemssen & Co	Saigon

SWATOW.

In Port on 10th December, 1877.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Adolph	Nov. 7	Horn	Ger. bk	807	Dircks & Co	Singapore
Alfred Hawley	—	Findlay	Brit. bk	420	Ed. Vincent & Co	Bangkok
Capella	Dec. 2	Anderson	Swed. bk	307	Dircks & Co	
Cap Horn	Nov. 20	Muller	Ger. bk	385	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Coriolanus	Nov. 28	Cawse	Brit. sh	1045	Order	
E. M. Young	Dec. 2	McMichan	Brit. bk	345	Dircks & Co	
Esperance	Dec. 2	Guillow	Fren. bk	272	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Flying Scud	Dec. 3	Carter	Brit. sch	344	Dircks & Co	
F. Starace	Nov. 23	Gaygullo	Ital. bk	494	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Frohlich	Nov. 9	Shoer	Ger. bg	360	Dircks & Co	
George	Nov. 25	Steffens	Ger. bk	760	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Glenfruin	Dec. 2	Lang	Brit. bk	472	Ed. Vincent & Co	
G. T. Ray	Dec. 3	Fisher	Brit. bk	356	Master	
Gustav	Dec. 2	Rober	Ger. bk	656	Dircks & Co	
Hammonia	Nov. 7	Weller	Ger. bk	393	Dircks & Co	Takao
Hans	Nov. 30	Lemoult	Ger. bk	312	Dircks & Co	
Hawkesbury	Nov. 27	Carasso	Brit. sh	1175	Bradley & Co	
H. Kremer	Dec. 5	Bremer	Ger. sch	351	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Iris	Nov. 24	Krohn	Ger. bk	506	Dircks & Co	
Jean Perre	Dec. 3	Hagasse	Fren. bk	607	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Louise	Dec. 2	Simons	Brit. sch	280	Dircks & Co	
M. B. Tower	Nov. 21	Hall	Amr. sch	647	Williams & Co	Saigon
Ornate	Nov. 27	Parrell	Brit. bk	731	Ed. Vincent & Co	
Paul Marie	Nov. 11	Gaillard	Fren. bk	320	Herton, Ebell & Co	Bangkok
Pelham	Dec. 2	Acford	Brit. bg	254	Bradley & Co	
Rubicon	Nov. 25	Timmsen	Brit. sch	200	Dircks & Co	
San Francisco	Dec. 2	Lamcken	Ger. sch	262	Dircks & Co	
Tai Watt	Dec. 2	Williams	Siam. bk	654	Bradley & Co	
Tekli	Nov. 16	Petersen	Ger. bk	650	Herton, Ebell & Co	Singapore
Thos. Fletcher	Nov. 24	Pendleton	Amr. bk	649	Herton, Ebell & Co	
Vesta	Nov. 20	Percy	Amr. bk	300	Herton, Ebell & Co	Keelung
Walls Castle	Nov. 9	Brown	Brit. bk	626	Ed. Vincent & Co	Singapore

AMOY.

In Port on 9th December, 1877.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Bessie Morris	Sept. 24	J. France	Brit. bk	486	Tait & Co	
Denbighshire	Oct. 21	Williams	Brit. bk	483	Elles & Co	
J. Friedrich	Oct. 25	Kronoke	Ger. bk	245	H. A. Petersen & Co	
J. & Willem	Aug. 11	Hontkooper	Dut. bk	432	Pasedag & Co	Swatow
Syringa	Aug. 25	Partridge	Brit. sch	212	Boyd & Co	

SHANGHAI.

In Port on 7th December, 1877.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Almatia	Nov. 26	Blanchard	Amr. sch	387	Morris & Co	
Caroline	Nov. 26	—	Ger. sch		Order	
Corea	Oct. 29	Adams	Brit. bk	581	Wm. Meyerink	
Dilpussand	Oct. 20	Kelly	Brit. bk	624	Russell & Co	
D. of Abercorn	Nov. 29	Binnie	Brit. sh	1050	Wm. Meyerink	
Ethiopian	Nov. 7	Faulkner	Brit. sh	938	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Golden State	Nov. 12	Delano	Amr. sh	944	Order	
Goodell	Nov. 30	French	Brit. bk	840	Order	
G. H. Wappins	Nov. 26	Diedrichsen	Ger. sh	538	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Halloween	Sept. 29	Fowler	Brit. sh	610	Gibb, Livingston & Co	London
Hedvig	Nov. 28	—	Brit. bk	375	Nils Moller	
Hopewell	Nov. 29	Langlois	Brit. bk	578	Primrose & Co	
J. S. Stone	Dec. 4	Weston	Amr. bk	710	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Leander	Nov. 11	Knight	Brit. sh	848	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
M. Lebanon	Nov. 1	Hall	Brit. sch	530	Frazar & Co	
Oscar Vidal	Nov. 29	Mooney	Brit. bk	299	Nils Moller	
Samar	Nov. 12	Miller	Amr. sh	1110	J. W. Muller & Co	
Silver Eagle	Oct. 21	Richard	Brit. bk		Order	
Sir Lancelot	Aug. 8	Hepburn	Brit. sh	886	Blain & Co	New York
Taitsing	Nov. 1	Johnston	Brit. sh	815	Blain & Co	

YOKOHAMA.

In Port on 4th December, 1877.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Alice	Nov. 9	Low	Brit. bk	1146	Ed. Fischer & Co	
A. W. Weston	Oct. 19	Winsor	Amr. bk	740	Ed. Fischer & Co	
A. M. Minott	Dec. 30	Whitmore	Amr. sh	1100	Walsh, Hall & Co	
Jupiter	Nov. 8	Johnson	Brit. sch	59	Captain	
Lotte	Oct. 26	Haskorl	Ger. sch	25	Captain	
Maid Maiden	Nov. 27	Forrest	Brit. bg	289	Ed. Fischer & Co	
Naworth	Oct. 23	Williams	Brit. bk	350	E. Moulron	
Otsego	July 10	Cook	Amr. sch	52	H. Cook	
Parmenio	Sept. 7	Abbott	Brit. bk	369	Order	
Pauline	Nov. 2	Tyrer	Brit. bk	472	Gutschow & Co	
Reindeer			Brit. sch		F. D. Walker	
Tori	Oct. 21	Williams	Brit. sch	52	Captain	
W. Mudgett	Oct. 13	Dickie	Amr. bk	875	Walsh, Hall & Co	New York

MANILA.

In Port on 7th December, 1877.

Vessel.	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.	Destination.
Conchita	Sept. 27	....	Span. bk	443	Order	
Constancia	Nov. 11		Span. bg	234	Order	
Criterion	Nov. 23	Lull	Amr. sh	1546	Order	
Elmstone	Nov. 23	Henderson	Brit. bk	698	Order	
F. de Maria	Nov. 30		Span. sh	248	Order	
Hopeful	Nov. 27		Brit. sch	216	Order	
Horsa	Nov. 30	Wadley	Brit. bk	1127	Order	
Lucia	Oct. 26	Crowley	Span. bk	640	Order	
Mary L. Stone	Nov. 27		Brit. sh	1488	Order	
Melusine	Nov. 6	Pilieger	Ger. bk	937	Order	
N. Constante	Nov. 4	Uriarte	Span. bg	213	Order	
Riestra	Sept. 28		Span. sch	229	Order	
Rita		....	Span. bk	540	Order	
Roodee	May 9		Brit. bk	1036	Inchausti & Co	
San Lorenzo	Nov. 23	M. de Viege	Span. bg	220	Order	
Sophia	Nov. 7	Haje	Brit. bk	715	Order	
Staghound	Nov. 30	Fawcett	Brit. bk	972	Order	
Teodoro	Oct. 23		Ger. bk	601	Order	
Undine	Nov. 23	Faulkner	Brit. bk	796	Order	

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS IN THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Name.	Rig.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Audacious	double-screw frigate	14	800	Captain F. Durrant	Hongkong
Charybdis	steam corvette	17	400	Captain Hotham	Singapore
Curlew	double-screw gun-vessel	3	160	Com. E. J. Church	Hongkong
Egeria	screw sloop	4	120	Com. A. L. Douglas	Hongkong
Fly	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. John Bruce	Hongkong
Frolic	double-screw gun-vessel	4	100	Com. A. E. Dupuis	Nagasaki
Growler	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. Chas. Willcox	En route to H.K.
Hart	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. R. Evans	Singapore
Hornet	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. J. S. Eaton	Hankow
Juno	steam corvette	8	400	Captain Poland	Shanghai
Kestrel	double-screw gun-vessel	4	100	Com. Theobald	Kobe
Lapwing	double-screw gun-vessel	3	160	Com. Sir W. Wiseman, [Bart]	Hongkong
Lily	screw sloop	3	95	Com. Cochrane	Chinkiang
Magpie	double-screw gun-vessel	3	—	Com. W. M. Lang	Amoy
Meanee	military hospital				Hongkong
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. H. G. Salmond	Tientsin
Modeste	steam corvette	14	350	Captain A. Buller	Yokohama
Moorhen	gunboat	4	60	Lieut.-Com. W. Carey	Foochow
Mosquito	gunboat	4	60	Lieut.-Com. Paul	Singapore
Nassau	surveying vessel	4	150	Captain R. H. Napier	Hongkong
Sheldrake	gunboat	4	60	Lieut.-Com. J. B. Haye	Chefoo
Swinger	gunboat	2	60	Lieut.-Com. O. Tudor	Hongkong
Sylvia	surveying vessel	3	150	Com. P. Aldrich	Yokohama
Thistle	double-screw gun-vessel	4	120	Com. R. S. Hunt	Ningpo
V. Emanuel	receiving ship	14	—	Commodore Watson	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle dispatch-boat	2	250	Lieut.-Com. H. Ryder	Hongkong

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR IN HARBOUR.

Name.	Nation.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.
Africa	Portuguese transport	—	—	— Ferreira Marques
Atalante	French man-of-war	—	—	Captain Caillet
C. Colombo	Italian corvette	—	—	— Canevaro.—in Aberdeen Dock
La Hugon	French frigate	—	—	Captain M. Galache
Nautilus	German gunboat	—	—	Commander Valois

CANTON GUNBOAT SQUADRON.

Name.	Flag and Rig.	Guns	Tons.	H.P.	Commander.	Station.
An-lan	Viceroy's gunboat	7	221	70	Godail	Tong-king gulf
Chee-hing	Revenue cruiser	2	30	20		
Chin-to	Viceroy's gunboat	7	221	70	Stewart	Swatow
Chin-jui	Revenue cruiser	3	80	20	Collins	Macao
Cheung-wan						West Coast
Ching-on	Revenue cruiser	2	30	20	Chung-wing-fai	
Tehing-sing	Viceroy's gunboat	6	180	60	Hessard	Pak-hoi
Tehing-on	Viceroy's gunboat	2	120	40	Chinese Admiral	Bogue Forts
Tehing-po	Viceroy's gunboat	6	180	60	d'Longueville	West Coast
Tehun-tung	Revenue cruiser	2	150	40	Salt Commissioner	West Coast
Peng-chao-hai	Revenue cruiser	4	600	120	Fry	Fa-tow-moon
Quang-on	Viceroy's gunboat	4	120	40	Lie-ping-tie	Bogue Forts
Sei-chi	Revenue cruiser	5	180	60	Wade	Chung-chow
Sui-tsing	Viceroy's gunboat	4	180	60	Calder	Hai-ling-shan
Li-kho	Revenue cruiser	4	80	20	McLeish	Canton River
Tsing-po	Viceroy's gunboat	3	100	40	Ching	Bogue Forts

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